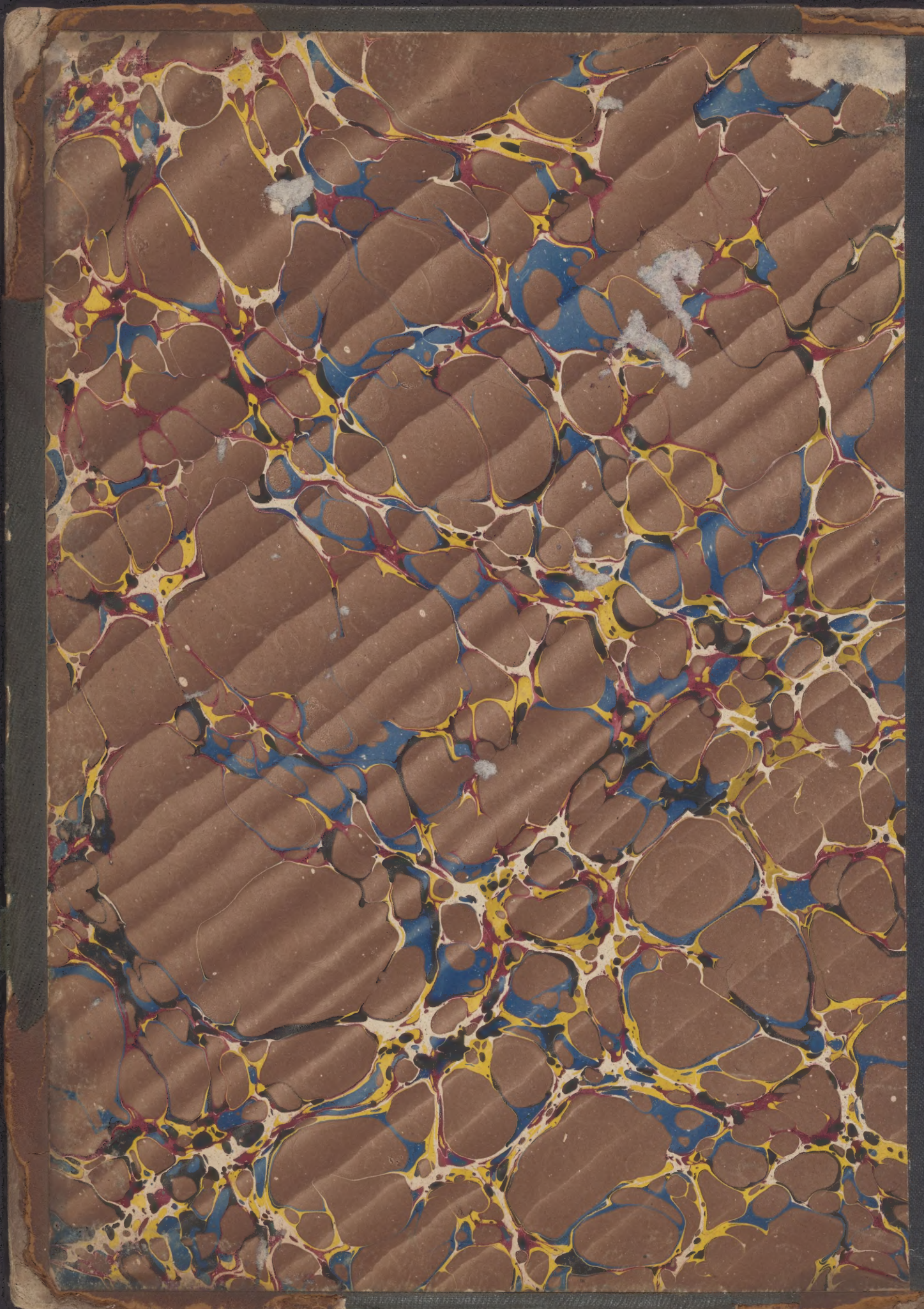

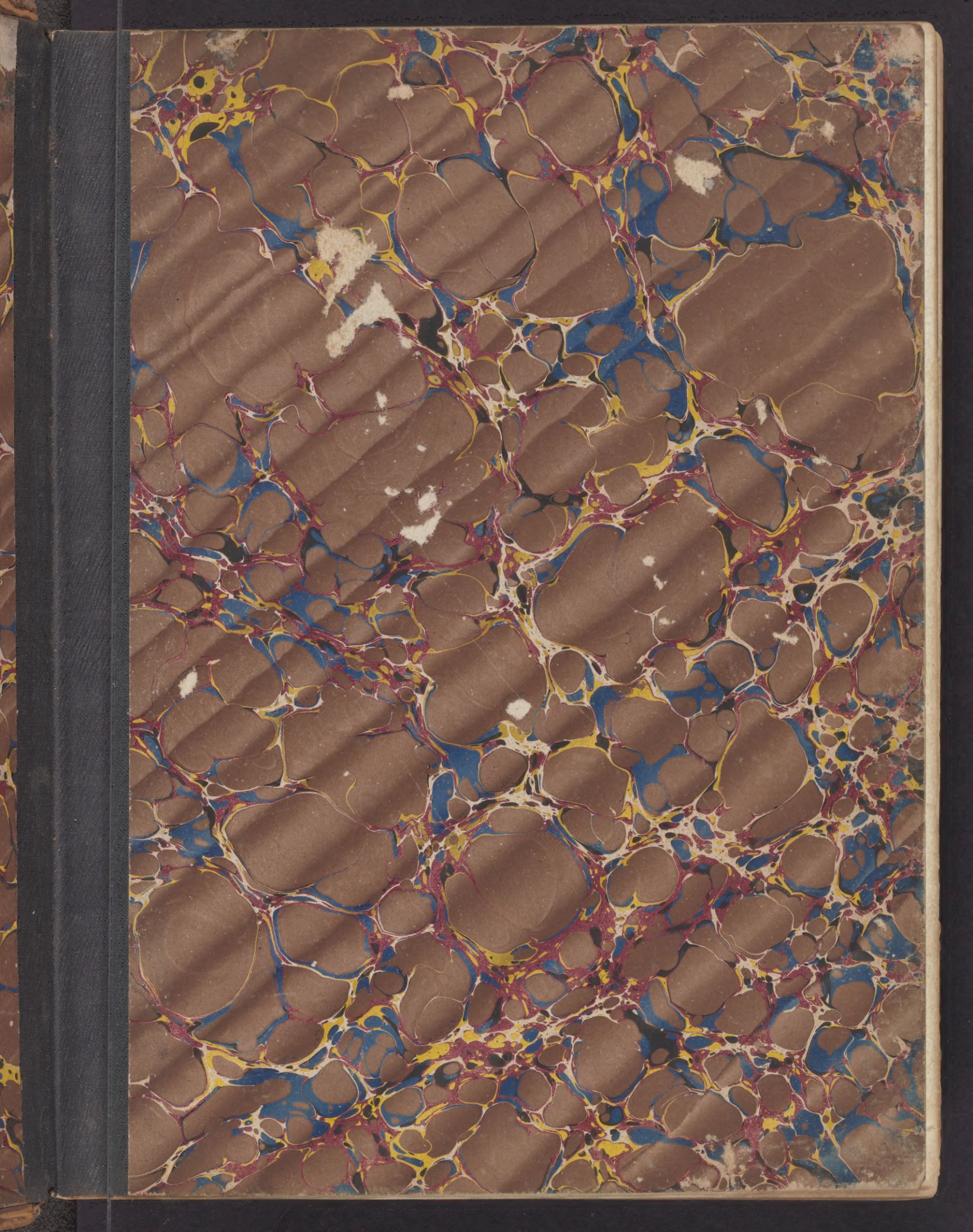

Minutes
of the
Board of Directors
of
Horticultural Hall
in
Philadelphia.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the Stated Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society held on the 17th of July 1866, the President, D. Rodney King Esqr appointed the following persons to serve as Directors of the New Horticultural Hall

M. W. Baldwin.	D. Rodney King.
Benj. Bullock.	P. Mackenzie.
H. A. Dreer.	J. E. Mitchell.
Chas. Harmar.	James Ritchie.
A. W. Harrison.	W. L. Schaffer.

The Board of Directors met at the Hall of the Society S. W. corner of Broad & Walnut Streets on Tuesday evening August 7th 1866.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mackenzie King, Ritchie, Harmar, Harrison.

The following officers were chosen.

W. L. Schaffer - President
H. A. Dreer. Treasurer
A. W. Harrison. Secretary

The President appointed the following gentlemen to serve as members of the Committees on Finance and Building.

Finance Committee.

M. W. Baldwin, Chairman.

Benj. Bullock. W. L. Schaffer

H. A. Dreer. Jas. Ritchie.

Building Committee.

D. Rodney King - Chairman

J. E. Mitchell. P. Mackenzie

Chas. Harmar. A. W. Harrison

On motion it was ordered that the Board meet every Monday at 3½ P. M. at the store of the Secretary N° 26. South 7th. Street.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met at N° 26 South 7th Street on Monday Aug 13th 1866

Present Messrs King, Mitchell, Mackenzie and Harrison.

Plans of the Hall were presented by Mr Sloan, Architect,—

On motion it was ordered that the meetings of the Board be held hereafter at 2½ o'clock P. M. instead of 3½ as heretofore.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

The Board met at No 26 South 7th Street on Monday Aug 20th 1866.
Present, Messrs Schaffer, King, and Mitchell.
Plans were submitted by Mr Sloan which were considered and amended.
Mr Sloan was directed to prepare specifications for excavation.
The President was authorised to have certificates of stock printed and to advertise for proposals for excavation.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

The Board met at No 26 South 7th Street on Monday Aug 27-1866
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Dreer, Mitchell, Ritchie, Harman, and Harrison.
Mr Sloan presented amended plans which were discussed, and their further consideration postponed.
A form of certificate of stock was presented by the President and on motion it was ordered that 1000 copies be printed.

The Secretary was directed to prepare and insert in the leading news-papers, advertisements calling for proposals for excavation and for furnishing materials and laying the stone and brickwork for the Hall.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Sec'y

The Board met at No 26 South 7th Street on Monday Sept 3rd 1866

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Mitchell, Dreer, Mackenzie, Ritchie, Warner and Harrison.

Proposals for excavation were read from John Wiggins, Henry Wiggins John McBride, M. McCabey, and Nolen & McEntee.

Mr King, from the Building committee reported that the contract for excavation had been awarded to John Wiggins and asked the approval of the Board. On motion the report was accepted and the award approved.

On motion of Mr King, Mr Benjamin Shedaker was appointed Superintendent of the New Hall at a salary of Six Dollars per day, to act under the direction of the Building Committee.

On motion of Mr Harrison it was ordered that plans for the Hall be adopted at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday Sept 12th unless a decision, from the Directors of the Academy of Music, in reference to the sale of a portion of their vacant lot, be sooner received.

On motion of Mr Ritchie the Treasurer was instructed to call in the first instalment of Twenty five per cent on the stock as soon as the certificates are ready to be issued.

Mr Harrison moved that "for the payment of all monies due on the New Hall the Superintendent shall furnish a certificate of the sums, due, in each case, to the Chairman of the Building Committee who shall thereupon

draw an order for the same upon the President of the Board of Directors who shall countersign the same for payment by the Treasurer. The motion was adopted.
On motion adjourned to meet on Wednesday Sept 12th at 2½ P.M.

A.C.O. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Wednesday Sept 12th 1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hamner, Ritchie, Mackenzie, Dreer, Mitchell and Harrison.
A letter from Mr King to the Secretary was read, giving his views as to the plans of the building.
The Building Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for stone to Black & Amber and for masonry to Mr Grambrick and asked the approval of the Board.
The awards were, on motion, approved.
Mr Hamner moved that the plans of the building as presented, for a front of 75 feet be adopted, which

was carried.
On motion of Mr Harmer the gallery plan as recommended by Mr Sloan, was adopted.
On motion of Mr Harrison the plan of the basement was adopted.
On motion of Mr Harrison, the front elevation, as presented by Mr Sloan, to be of Campbell's stone, was adopted subject to the decision of the Building Committee as to the fitness of the material proposed for the purpose.
On motion adjourned
S. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Monday Sept 17th 1866 at 7½ o'clock South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Harmer, Ritchie, Harrison.
A bill of paving Westmoreland St was presented from Mr Jane Schriver and referred to Mr Ritchie with power to act.
A letter was read from J. F. Gilchrist M. D. appointing a meeting with the Building Committee, by a Committee of

the Organ Company at 3. P.M. of this day.
The Building Committee announced the award of contract for bricks to John M. Buist, for bricklaying to W. J. Given, for lumber to Maule, Brothers &c and settees to P. P. Gustine. On motion the award were severally approved.
The resolution passed at the stated meeting Sept. 7th was amended so as to read that the Chairman of the Building Committee shall "draw an order for the same upon the Treasurer who shall pay the same after being countersigned by the President.
Mr Charles P. Hayes was elected a Director in the place of Mathias W. Baldwin deceased. He was also appointed as Chairman of the Committee on Finance.
The Secretary was directed to prepare and transmit resolutions of condolence and respect, to the family of the late M. W. Baldwin.
On motion the Building Committee were authorised to prepare, at their

discretion engravings of the elevation and ground plans of the New Hall.

On motion adjourned

A. D. Harrison

Secy

The Board, met on Monday Sept 24th 1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes, Mitchell, Ritchie, Hamar Harrison.

The Building Committee reported that in consequence of Mr Buist's inability to furnish all the bricks required within the time allowed, they had modified the contract so as to award to Mr Buist 400,000 bricks, to Sheets & Markle 300,000 and to Webster & Son 100,000. — On motion the report was accepted and the award approved.

Mr Harrison moved that the whole subject of the purchase of ground from the Academy of Music be referred to the President with power to act. Adopted

A letter was read from Mr Thomas A. Andrews, proposing to act as

Superintendent of the Hall, which was referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs King, Mitchell and Harrison, with power to make a contract with Mr Andrews.
On motion of Mr Harrison the stone portico as designed by Messrs Thomas & Hutton was adopted.
The bill of conveyancing of Secure and Millette, presented by Mr King was referred to him with power to act.
Bills were presented by the Treasurer as follows; "Press" for printing $5.00
Wachsen, for stock certificates $75.00
Harding, advertising $12.37.
Mr Swain & Brooks, account book $19.00, all of which were ordered paid.
On motion adjourned
H. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Monday October 1st 1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Ritchie Warman & Harrison.
The Building Committee reported the award of the contract for stone for the front and one course on the mound and

Street to M. C. Campbell; also for granite steps and sills to Mrs Olwen Foley, which were approved.

The President presented copy of his letter to the Directors of the Academy of Music and the reply, as follows;

"Philadelphia Sept 27-1866

To the Directors of the Academy of Music;

Gentlemen,

"The Horticultural Hall will purchase fifteen feet of "the lot N°5 on the plan" at $456. per foot on ground rent, say $27. per foot, payable half yearly, to commence January 1st 1867, said lot being 200 feet deep.

W. L. Schaffer
Pres't.

Signed.

Philad[a] Sept 29th 1866

Dear Sir,

The Board of Directors of the American Academy of Music, at a meeting held last evening, Resolved to accept your proposition on behalf of Pennsylvania Horticultural Hall to purchase the southernmost 15 feet of their ground 200 feet in depth, at

$450 per foot on ground rent, the rent to commence January 1st 1867.

Yours Respectfully
Michael Nisbet
Secretary

To
W. L. Schaffer Esqr
President of Penn'a Horticultural Hall.

On motion, the action of the President was approved and it was Resolved that the contract entered into between the President of Horticultural Hall and the Directors of the American Academy of Music for the purchase of the southernmost 15 feet of their lot of ground marked "N°" on the plan" at $450 pr foot on ground rent, the rent to commence January 1st 1867, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.
Resolved that the President and Secretary be and are hereby authorized to execute all the papers necessary to carry said contract into effect.
The Building Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for Hardware to Field & Hardie, which was approved. On motion adjourned

R. D. Hamilton
Secy

The Board met on Monday Oct 8th 1866 at No 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs King, Mitchell, Hannah, Hayes, Harrison.
On King was called to the chair
The Chairman of the Building Committee reported that Mr. C. Campbell, contractor for the stone for the front of the Hall, having failed to fulfill his contract, the order had been given to other parties and Mr Campbell would be held for any loss that might ensue.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Monday Oct 15th 1866 at No 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie and Hannah.
There being no quorum the Board adjourned.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Monday Oct 22nd 1866 at No 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Mitchell and Harrison.
There being no quorum the Board adjourned.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Monday Oct 29th
1866 at No 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Harman,
Mackenzie, Hayes and Harrison.
The President in the Chair.
The Building Committee reported
progress.
On motion a Committee was appointed
consisting of Messrs Mitchell & Harrison
to prepare By-Laws for the Board,
to be presented at a subsequent
meeting.
On motion adjourned.

A.W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Monday Nov 5th
1866 at No 26 South 7th Street
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer,
Mitchell, Harman, Ritchie, Harrison.
The President in the Chair.
The Committee on By Laws reported
progress and were continued.
Mr Harman offered the following
Preamble and Resolutions
Whereas a resolution of the National Society of the 21st of August last
authorised the issue of the U.S. Loan

held by said Society whenever this Board should need it for building purposes; Therefore

Resolved that the officers of said Society be requested to sell and transfer said U. S. Loans, and pay the proceeds thereof to the Treasurer of this Association to be used towards building Horticultural Hall, the said loans being of the following description; 6% 1881 Registered, Acts of July 1st and Aug 5-1861;- No 1509 for $500, and No 9549 for $1000.- 5-20's Registered Act of Feb 25-1862 - No 11430 for $500; No 3696 for $1000; No 5697 for $1000.- In all amounting to $4000.

The above Preamble and Resolution were adopted

The Building Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for slate roofing to John Neely and for Tin roofing to Sam'l Drinkhouse which were approved.

On motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison
Rec. Sec

The Board met on Monday November 12th 1866 at No. 26 South 7th Street. Present Messrs King, Bullock, Hayes Harmar, Harrison.—

Mr King was called to the Chair. The Building Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for heaters and all the appliances for warming the Hall to A. W. Ram which was approved. They also recommended that the sidewalk in front of the Hall be excavated to the depth necessary for a kitchen, and vault for the restaurant and covered with North River flagging, which was duly approved.

× On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

× The Finance Committee were empowered to ascertain and report to the Board what amount of money can be obtained on a new ground rent, for the purpose of completing the building.

The Board met on Monday
Nov 19th 1866 at 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King,
Mitchell, Harman, Mackenzie,
Dreer, Ritchie, Harrison.
The President in the Chair.
The Building Committee reported
that they had awarded the contract
for painting to W & T. Wilson,
which was approved. Also that
Messrs Cornelius & Baker had offered
to put up all the gas fixtures
for the Hall and take stock for
the amount of the same, which
offer had been accepted by the
Committee. On motion approved.
Also that they had awarded the
contract for plastering to William
J. Pascoe on condition that it
should not exceed the sum of Six
Thousand Five Hundred Dollars,
including the lathing and plastering
of the main walls, according to
the plans and specifications. On
motion approved.
Mr Ritchie reported that he had
obtained a deduction from the
assessment of the Hall lot of $1250

per annum for five years and recommended that the taxes be paid accordingly. On motion the report was accepted and the Treasurer was directed to pay the taxes due.

On motion adjourned.

A. B. Harrison

Sec'y.

The Board met on Monday Nov 26th, 1866, at No 26 South 7th Street. Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Hayes Mitchell, Dreer, Harman, Harrison. The Building Committee reported that they had finally awarded the contract for plastering to William Pascoe for the sum of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars. On motion the award was approved.

Mr King read the proposed agreement with Mr Thomas A. Andrews, as superintending the Hall, but as it was incomplete no action was taken upon it.

On motion of Mr Harrison the Finance Committee was instructed to obtain subscriptions to the stock of the Hall to the amount of Seven

Five Thousand Dollars and report thereon to the Board.
On motion adjourned.
A. W. Harrison
Secy

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The Board met on Monday Decr 3rd 1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Ritchie, Mitchell, & Harrison
A bill of M. C. Campbell for stone was presented and referred to the Building Committee.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

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The Board met on Monday Dec 10-1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Mitchell, Harmar, Mackenzie, Dreer, Hayes, and Harrison.
The Committee appointed to prepare and report a set of By Laws, presented their report which, after discussion and amendment was adopted as the By-Laws of the Horticultural Hall of Philadelphia as follows;

By Laws of the Board of Directors of the Horticultural Hall.

Article I.

Of the duties of the Directors.

Section 1. The Directors who shall have been duly elected by the Stockholders shall meet at their office on the (Tuesday next succeeding their election) or sooner if expedient, at eight o'clock in the evening for the purpose of organisation. They shall then choose, by ballot, one of their number President of the Board for the ensuing year, and shall likewise elect, in the same manner, a Treasurer and Secretary for the same period.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall hold stated Meetings on the second Tuesday of every month; special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon the written request of three members of the Board. Five members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business The Directors shall have the power to ascertain and decide the time manner and proportion in which the stockholders shall pay the money due on

their respective shares.

Section 3. The Directors shall issue a certificate to each stockholder for the number of shares he or she may subscribe for or hold in the said corporation which certificate shall be transferable on the books of the corporation, either by the owner in person or by attorney duly authorised, subject however to all payments due or to become due thereon.

Section 4. If any stockholder, after thirty days notice, given in two daily newspapers in the City of Philadelphia, of the time and place appointed for the payment of any instalment of said stock, shall neglect to pay such instalment at the time appointed or within sixty days thereafter, the shares held by him must be forfeited to the corporation by a resolution of the Directors, and may be sold by them to any other person or persons willing to purchase the same, for such price as can be obtained therefor; or the Directors may sue for and recover the same before any justice of the

peace or before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 5. The Directors shall keep a just and true account of all monies received and shall make and declare dividends of so much of the net profits of the corporation as may seem advisable to them, after deducting costs, charges and expenses; but in no case shall said dividends exceed the said net profits, so that the capital stock shall never be thereby impaired.

Section 6. The Directors shall have at all times free and uninterrupted access to all parts of the Hall

Section 7. Vacancies in the office of either the President, Treasurer or Secretary may be filled by the Board of Directors as they occur.

Section 8. Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the remaining Directors appointing an eligible stockholder to serve as Director until the next annual election of the corporation

Article 2nd.

Of the duties of the officers.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the

President to preside at the meetings of the Directors, to appoint all committees not appointed by them, to announce the result of votes, and to enforce the observance of the By-Laws and rules of order. He shall sign all orders for the payment of money and all certificates of stock, and shall exercise a careful supervision over the business and affairs of the corporation, and report thereon to the Board of Directors from time to time, as they may deem expedient, and shall be ex-officio a member of all committees with right to vote.

Section 2. In the absence of the President his duties may be discharged by one of the Directors chosen by the Board for that purpose.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall keep clear and correct accounts of all the receipts and disbursements, debts credits, money, property and estate of the corporation, and shall exhibit them from time to time, when demanded by the Board of Directors, or any person under the authority thereof.

He shall deposite all moneys belonging to the corporation in some incorporated Bank of the City of Philadelphia, approved of by the Directors. He shall annually at the Stated Meeting in January, and at other times when required, make and present to the Board of Directors a balance sheet of the accounts of the corporation and a statement of the condition of its finances. He shall keep the transfer book, and stock ledger and shall have charge of the issuing and cancellation of the certificates of stock, in the corporation. He shall attest the seal of the company and the signature of the President to all certificates of stock, without which attestation and signature the same shall be invalid. He shall give security for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, in such sum and for such amounts as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 4. The Secretary shall summon the Board to meet as directed by the President, shall attend its meetings,

keep correct minutes of its proceedings, and notify all committees of their appointment and of the duties imposed upon them.

Article 3rd

Of the Standing Committees.

Section 1. At the earliest practicable time after their organization, the Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members and a Finance Committee of three members which Committees shall serve during the year for which the Board of Directors is elected.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all matters relating to the management, maintenance, alteration and repairs of the property and estate of the corporation, of every description subject however to the approval of their action by the Board of Directors. They shall keep minutes of their acts, and report at the stated meetings of the Board, all their proceedings with such information as they may deem of interest.

The Board of Directors however may from time to time delegate such other powers to the Executive Committee as they may deem expedient.

Section 3. The Finance Committee shall have the care and supervision of all matters connected with the monetary and financial concerns of the corporation and audit all its accounts.

Article 4th.

Of the Rules of Order.

Section 1. The order of business of the stated meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as follows;

First. To read the minutes of the preceding meeting;

Second. To read the President's report.

Third. To read the Treasurer's report.

Fourth. To read the reports of Committees

Fifth. To read communications made to the Board.

Sixth. To take up unfinished business.

Seventh. To take up new business.

All motions or resolutions offered at meetings of the Directors, if required shall be reduced to writing.

Section 2. In other respects the rules of order shall be those used in similar

deliberation, and is subject however to alteration at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Article 5th.

Of Stockholders' Meetings.

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders shall be held on the second Tuesday of January in every year, for the purpose of choosing Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, of which annual meeting the Secretary shall cause to be given two weeks notice, three times in each in at least two daily newspapers in the City of Philadelphia. In all elections of Directors, who shall be chosen by the votes of a majority of the stock represented at the meeting, each full paid share of stock shall be entitled to one vote, but no person shall be eligible to the office of Director unless he be a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and a holder of at least ten shares of stock. At each annual meeting of the Stockholders, the Directors of

the preceding year, shall submit to the meeting a full and fair statement of the affairs and proceedings of the said corporation for such year, together with a full account of all moneys received and expended for the same, and they shall also produce for the inspection of the meeting, or such Committee as it may name, all books and accounts concerning the corporation. Special meetings of the Stockholders may be called by order of the Directors, or by Stockholders holding one fourth of the capital stock, on like notice to that required for the annual meeting, specifying moreover the object of the meeting.

Section 2. In case of a failure to hold a meeting as directed in the preceding section, the Secretary shall call another meeting of the Stockholders in the manner prescribed in Sec. 1 of this Article, at the earliest practicable period.

Article 6.

Of Certificates of Stock.

Section 1. In case of a certificate of stock which may be lost or destroyed, and

be made, unless the same, shall have been first advertised four times during two weeks in two of the daily newspapers of the City of Philadelphia and proper indemnity be given the corporation upon the issue of the new certificate.
(See also Article 4 - Sections 2. 3 & 4.)

Article V.

On Amendments.

Section 1. Amendments to or alteration of these By-Laws may be proposed at any stated meeting of the Board, but must lay over for discussion until the next or a subsequent stated meeting and no such amendment or alteration shall be made unless by a vote of at least six members of the Board of Directors for the time being."

Mr Breen offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the subscription of Wm. H. Baldwin & Co. for One Hundred Shares of stock, payable in the 7 per cent first mortgage bonds of the Steubenville & Indiana Rail Road Co. be accepted.

On motion adjourned

H. C. Harrison Sec.

The Board met on Monday Dec 17th 1866 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Hayes Dreer, Harman and Harrison.
Mr Hayes offered the following amendment to the By-Laws;
Resolved that the words "the Tuesday next succeeding their election" be stricken out from Section 1. Article 1. and the words "the fourth Tuesday of January" be substituted therefor. - Under the rule this lies over till the next or a subsequent stated meeting.
On motion adjourned.
H. W. Harrison Secy

The Board met on Monday Dec 24 1866 at No 26 South 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes, Mitchell, Harman, and Harrison.
The amendment to Article 1 Section 1 of the By-Laws proposed at the last meeting was discussed and adopted
Mr Spencer reported that the funds in his hands were nearly exhausted.
Mr Hayes from the Committee on Finance reported that 1050 shares had been subscribed up to the present

time, of which 722 shares are fully paid up, 112 shares are paid on, and on 216 shares nothing has been paid. The amount due and unpaid is about $13.000.

On motion adjourned.

Wm. H. Harrison Sec'y

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The Board met on Monday Jan'y 7th 1867 at No 26 South 7th Street.

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Dreer, Harman, Hayes, Ritchie, Harrison & Mitchell.

Mr Harman made a verbal statement of the amounts paid and unpaid on contracts, and of the amount of contracts yet to be given out and presented the following summary;

Estimate Cost of building $90.000
Amount subscribed 60.000
Deficiency $30.000

Ground Rent about $32.000
If a loan can be had 50.000
It would pay off ground rent & leave for building $18.000
And then stock would be required to the amount of $12.000
There has been paid for building up to

Dec 20th 1866 about $30.000
Subscribed but not collected 21.000

The following letter was presented by Mr King;

Building Inspector's Office
Philadelphia Jan 4 - 1867

Mr S. K. Thedaker

I am directed by the Building Inspector to notify you that they have condemned a portion of the West Wall of your building on the West side of Broad Street, South of Locust St as being insufficient for the Building in consequence of having settled out of perpendicular. They have therefore ordered the same to be taken down forthwith.

Yours Respectfully
John D. Taylor, Clerk

On motion the whole matter was referred to Mr Sloan, Architect and Mr Thedaker, Superintendent, with power to act.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secty

The Board met, pursuant, immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders, at Horticultural Hall, S.W. corner of Broad & Walnut Streets, on Tuesday evening, Jan 8th 1867, in pursuance of the following notice;

Philadelphia Jan 8 - 1867

A. W. Harrison, Secty }
Horticultural Hall }

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall the following named gentlemen were unanimously elected Directors to serve for one year, viz;

W. L. Schaffer	Chas. Harmar
D. Rodney King	Chas. P. Hayes
J. E. Mitchell	Benj. Bullock
Peter Mackenzie	H. A. Dreer
Jas. Ritchie	Thos. P. James

Yours Very Respectfully
Chas. P. Hayes Secty
of Annual Meeting

The meeting was then organised by the calling of Thomas P. James Esq to the Chair. —

The following officers were then

elected.

W. L. Schaffer — President
H. A. Dreer — Treasurer
A. W. Hamilton. — Secretary.

On motion the following Committees were appointed;

Finance	Building
Chas. P. Hayes	D. Rodney King
W. L. Schaffer	J. E. Mitchell
H. A. Dreer	Chas. Hamar
Jno. Ritchie	P. Mackenzie
Benj. Bullock	Jos. P. James.

On motion the Board was divided into three executive Committees of three members each, to go out one day in each week, and solicit subscriptions to the capital stock and to be empowered to add to their number any stockholder or member of the Boat Society, and that the President appoint them. They were then announced as follows

P. Hayes	J. E. Mitchell	D. R. King
C. Hamar	J. C. James	H. A. Dreer
B. Bullock,	J. Ritchie	P. Mackenzie

On motion Messrs Mitchell, King and Hamar were appointed a Committee to make a contract with Mr Thomas A. Andrew to superintend the Hall

after its completion.
It was Resolved that the meetings of the Board be continued to be held every Monday at No 26 South 7th Street, at 2 1/2 o'clock P. M. as heretofore.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy

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The Board met on Monday Jan 14th 1867 at No 26 South 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, James, Ritchie and Hayes.
Mr Hayes reported that 50 shares of stock had been subscribed since last meeting.
On motion of Mr Ritchie, the Treasurer was directed to pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the widow or representative of William H. Brown whose sudden death by an accident at the New Hall had just been announced to the Board.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy

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The Board met on Monday Jan 21st 1867 at No 26 S. 7th St.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Dreer and Ritchie.
There being no quorum the Board adjourned.

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Monday Jan 28th 186[illegible] at No 26 S. 7th St
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Harman, Ritchie, Dreer & Jones.
Dr Harman reported 10 shares of stock and Dr Mitchell 5 shares subscribed since last report.
On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy

The Board met on Monday Feb 4-1867 at No 26 S. 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes Harman, Jones, Ritchie.
Dr Hayes reported 21 shares of stock subscribed since last meeting, Dr Jones reported 12 shares and Dr Dreer 24 shares.
Dr Harman proposed that, in order to reduce the cost, the balustrade on the roof be returned only about 25 feet

back from the front, on the East and South sides of the Hall, which was referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

On motion of Br Hayes the plan of the ribbed ceiling was referred back to the Building Committee and requesting them to enlarge the panels if by them deemed expedient, so as to make 3 panels in width and 3 in length, in place of the present plan.

On motion adjourned

A. H. Harrison

Sec'y

The Board met on Monday Feb 18th 1867 at No 26 South 2nd Street, present Messrs Chapter, Ritchie, Hayes Mitchell, Harman & Dreer.

Mr Harman from the Building Committee, reported that they had decided to put a balustrade on the front of the building only; also to put wooden steps on the North side of Hall. also that the height of the stage had been fixed at 4 feet 8 inches in front and 5 feet 6 inches at the back.

Mr Kurmar also reported 10 shares of stock subscribed and Wm Mitchell 10 shares. - Also that the amount of the iron & galvanized iron pipes for the gasfitting and plumbing of the Hall had been subscribed for in stock by Messrs Morris, Tasker & Co.

A Communication was received from Mr C. S. White, President of the Handel & Haydn Society asking for the use of the Hall for a concert the 1st or 2nd of May. On motion the communication was accepted and a Committee, consisting of Messrs Mitchell Janney & Ritchie appointed to confer with the officers of that Society with a view to a stock subscription.

Communications were presented from Messrs Frank Butler & Co, asking for orders in payment of their bill of lumber; also from Mattingly Bros asking payment of their orders &c.

On motion laid on the table.

On motion of Mr Mitchell the Treasurer was instructed to report of unpaid stock subscriptions and unpaid outstanding orders to date.

On motion the Treasurer was duly

authorised to employ a competent person to collect unpaid subscriptions to the stock of the Hall.
On motion of Mr Hayes the proposals for plumbing work, were referred to the Building Committee with power to act.
On motion adjourned
H. W. Harrison
Sec'y

The Board met at No 26 South 7th St. on Monday Feb. 25-1867.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Greer Mitchell, Harman, Janney & Ritchie.
The Committee appointed to confer with the Handel & Haydn Society reported progress.
The Treasurer reported that there were unpaid subscriptions to the stock amounting to $11.912.50 of which about $11.000 are considered good, in addition to $5.000 subscribed by M. W. Baldwin & Co. Also that the unpaid balances on orders drawn upon the Treasury amount to $9.997½ to the 22nd inst.
On motion the Treasurer was duly

authorised and empowered to accept drafts of Maule Brothers & Co for the amount of their account rendered $ with interest thereon, in three equal sums, at 2. 3 & 4 months respectively from the 1st day of March 1867, or equivalent time thereto.

On motion the Superintendent was instructed to furnish to W. J. Pascoe, plasterer, 2000 feet of board for scaffolding, to be charged on his account, also to allow him the use 500 to 1000 feet of boards, in addition to those now in use, for the same purpose.

On motion adjourned

Geo. Harrison

Secy

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The Board met on Monday March 4th 1867 at No 26 South 7th St.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Jones Ritchie, Harman and Mitchell.

On motion the Building Committee was instructed to dispense, for the present, with the ornamental work on the cornice in front of the Hall.

On motion the account of Jno C.

Hamilton was referred to the Building Committee with power to act.

The following letter was read;

Phila March 4 - 1867

To the Board of Directors of the Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen,

Not being able to attend the meeting to day, allow me to urge on the Board the importance of adopting a Resolution that each member of the Board pledge themselves to procure subscriptions to the stock of the Hall to the amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars or 30 shares, by the 5th of April. I shall be willing to assume my share of the responsibility.

Very Respectfully
D. Rodney King

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Monday March 11th, 1867 at No 26 South 4th Street.

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Speer, Hayes, Ritchie, Harrison, Jones

and Mitchell.

A verbal overture for the use of the Hall, in July next, by the German Sangerbund was received and referred to Mr Andrews, the proposed Superintendent.

Mr W. J. Pascoe the contractor for the plastering, explained the present state of the work and the effect thereon of the strike for wages by the journeymen and received instructions from the Board to govern his action in the matter.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

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The Board met on Monday March 25th 1867 at No 26 S. 7th Street.

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Jarvis & Mitchell.

There being no quorum, the Board adjourned.

A. W. Harrison Secy

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The Board met on Monday, April 1st 1867 at 26 S. 7th St. - Present Messrs King, Harman & Mitchell. - There being no quorum the Board adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Monday April 8th 1867 at 26 S. 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, James Pitcher and Hamar.
Mr Hamar, from the Building Committee reported that they had awarded the contract for wire work to Messrs Walker & Son.
The thanks of the Board were ordered to be tendered to Edward Shippen Esq. for his legal services gratuitously rendered, in making the agreement with the Superintendent of the Hall.
Mr Mitchell, sent in his resignation as a member of the Building Committee, which was ordered to be laid on the table, on motion of Mr King
On motion adjourned
A. C. Hamilton Secy

The Board met on Monday April 15th 1867 at No 26. S. 7th Street.
Present Messrs King, Dreer, Hayes James, Hamar & Pitcher.
Mr King in the Chair.
The President was empowered to appoint a Committee of three to be called the Hall Committee, to take

charge of the setting of the Hall, and to supervise and direct the operations of the Superintendent of the same.

The President was also empowered to appoint a Committee of three to take into consideration the propriety of a formal opening of the New Hall.

Mr Hayes, from the Finance Committee reported as follows;

Total subscription 1297 shares @ 50		$64.850.
1128 shares paid in full	$56.400	
12 " partly paid	.175	56.575
157 " unpaid		$8.275
Cash recd for stock as above		56.575
" " " donations		.305
		$56.880

Cash paid on acct Building	53.931.95	
" " Taxes, conveyance &c	2.599.01	
	56.530.96	
Balance on hand Apl 15/67	349.04	$56.880

The 1297 shares does not include the Baldwin subscription, and only a portion of the contractors. Report accepted and ordered on file.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy

The Board met on Monday April 22nd 1867 at No 26 S. 7th Street.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Harman, Janes, Thayer & Ritchie
Mr Harman gave notice that at the next Stated meeting he should offer an amendment to Section I. Article 3. of the By-Laws, viz; to strike out the words "the Board of Directors shall appoint" and insert the words "the President shall appoint."
The Committee appointed to make a contract with Thomas A. Andrews as Superintendent of the Hall reported the following agreement which on motion was ordered to be submitted to the Stockholders at a Special meeting to be held at the present Hall on Tuesday evening May 7th at 8 o clock.

Agreement.

Know all men, by these presents, that the Board of Directors of Horticultural Hall hereby constitutes and appoints Thomas A. Andrews its Attorney in fact for the following purpose and upon the conditions

hereinafter set forth.

1st. That the said Board hereby appoint the said Thomas J. Andrews, Superintendent or Janitor of said Hall on the following terms and conditions.

2nd. The said Thomas J. Andrews hereby agrees to take the entire charge of the said Hall and its appurtenances and furniture and also of the furniture and other articles belonging to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and to furnish sufficient help or labor to keep the said premises always clean and in good order and ready at all times for occupancy and to defray all expenses of advertising, printing and any other expenses incident to the letting of the Hall, except the cost of coal and gas used on the premises and the necessary repairs of furniture and wear and tear of the building.

3rd. This agreement shall not go into effect until the Hall is completed and ready for occupancy which time shall be determined by the said Board and which shall be hereafter indorsed hereon and this agreement shall continue in full force and effect until

the first day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine, at which time it shall absolutely cease and determine.

4th. For his services as Superintendent and for the care, labor and expenses herein stipulated the Board agrees to pay to the said Thomas A. Andrews Thirty (30) per cent of the gross rental of said building (first deducting from said gross rental the rent of the restaurant in the front of the basement which shall be paid directly to the said Board) for the first year and twenty-five (25) per cent on the rental as above stated, for the remainder of the term of this agreement.

5th. It is further agreed that the letting of the said Hall shall be made by the said Thomas A. Andrews, as Attorney in fact of the Board of Directors of Horticultural Hall subject however to the consent and approval of the Executive Committee of said Board of Directors which Committee shall at all times have free access to the account books of the receipts from rents and contracts for letting the Hall which

shall be kept by the said Thomas A. Andrews for their inspection and the said Thomas A. Andrews further agrees that weekly settlements shall be made with the Treasurer of the Board of Directors on every Monday Morning at which time the said Thomas A. Andrews agrees to pay to the said Treasurer the amount obtained for rent after deducting his commission as specified in section 4th.

6th [illegible] further agrees that the President Secretary and Treasurer and the Board of Directors shall have [illegible] to all parts of the said Hall and [illegible] shall have the privilege [illegible] premises or any part thereof are occupied under trade to be made pursuant to the terms hereof and the trade or agreement shall expressly reserve this right to the Directors and officers.

7th And it is further agreed that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society shall have the use of the large Hall and Foyer or front room in second story and the two dressing rooms on the ground floor for one night in each month for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

after expiration of this agreement, then
it shall cease and determine, in which
event the said Board of Directors shall
be released from all claims for damages
on the part of the said Thomas A. [illegible]
their heirs or [illegible] thereof.
7th It is hereby expressly understood and
agreed that this instrument shall not
be held or taken as a lease of land from
them or any part thereof to the said Thomas
A. [illegible], but only as a license to occupy
and use such [illegible] as he performed
or [illegible] agreements or leases to be made
by him for the use of the Hall shall be
signed by him as Lessee in place of
the Board of Directors of the said [illegible]
National Hall and said leases shall
be in such language and form and with
such provisions and conditions as the
Board of Directors shall determine."

Convention adjourned.

J. W. [illegible] Sec.

The Board met on Monday April 29th
185[illegible] at No 26 S. 7th St
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Hayes,
Pritchett, Hammer, James, Deer and
Ritchie.

The Amendment to the By Laws, offered by Mr Harmar, at the last meeting was adopted.

Mr Harmar from the Building Committee reported that the contract for the paving brick for Westmoreland Street had been awarded to Webster & Son at $23.00 pr thousand.

A letter was read from Miss Percival, in relation to the opening of the New Hall and Mr King reported that an arrangement had been made for the same, when on motion it was Resolved that the President appoint a Committee of three to arrange by conference with Miss Percival, for the formal opening of the Hall and Bazaar. Messrs King, Mitchell & Hayes were appointed the Committee.

On motion adjourned to meet at the Hall S. W. corner of Broad & Walnut Streets on Monday May 6th at 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion adjourned

A. M. Harrison

Sec.

The Board met on Monday May 6th 1867 at the Hall S. W. corner of Broad & Walnut Streets at 8 P. M.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, James & Harman.
There being no quorum, on motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison, Secy

The Board met on Monday May 13th 1867 at the Hall S. W. corner Broad & Walnut Streets.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Greer, Harman, James, & Hayes,
Mr Harman reported that the Lamp Committee had ordered two lamp posts on Westmoreland Street and two lamp posts on Broad St.
On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison - Secy

The Board Met on Monday May 20 1867 at the Hall. S. W. corner Broad & Walnut Streets.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Hayes, Harman, Bullock, Mackenzie, Greer, James.
On motion of Mr King the Treasurer

way authorized to borrow not less than $3.500, at 6 per cent per annum, and to give his note as Treasurer for the same, and as collateral security the five bonds of One Thousand Dollars each of the Kenbenville & Indiana Rail Road Company.

On motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison
Sec'y

The Board met at their Rec- Horticultural Hall, corner of Broad & Westmoreland Streets on Monday June 10th 1867.

Present Rees, Schaffer, James, Dreer Hayes, Harmar.

The Treasurer, on motion, was instructed to take out a City License for the Hall.

On motion the President and Secretary were instructed to confer with Miss Percival concerning the disposition to be made of the Bazaar Fund and report to the Board.

On motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison
Sec'y

The Board met at the New Hall on Monday, June 17-1867.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes Ritchie, Hamar & James.
A communication was read from Mr D. R. King resigning his position as Director which was ordered to be laid upon the table.
Mr Schaffer reported that the Committee appointed for that purpose had conferred with Miss Percival as to the distribution to be made of the funds to be derived from the Horticultural Bazaar, and that Miss Percival had consented to leave the whole matter of its expenditure to the discretion of the Board.
Mr Dreer, Treasurer, reported that he had sold one Bond of the Steubenville & Indiana R. R. Co at 80 cents on the dollar netting $797.42 and also had borrowed on the remaining four bonds, $2.500. On motion the action of the Treasurer was approved.
The Secretary presented a rough draft of a lease of the Hall, Foyer & Dining Room to the Second Presbyterian Church for one year from July 7-1867 with the

privilege of renewal for one year, at $2.50 premium payable quarterly. On motion the Superintendent was authorized to execute said lease in due form.

On motion the Building Committee was authorized to dispose of any refuse material about the building at their discretion either at public or private sale.

Mr Hayes from the Finance Committee made the following approximate statement of the amount expended and required to finish the Hall —

June 15 - 1867.

Total amount of bills rendered to date	112.703.14
Estimated amount of bills outstanding	2.500.00
" " required to complete building	5.000.00
	$120.203.14
Total receipts for Stock (1466½) to date, including donations	$305= 72.027.42
Deduct Taxes, Exchange, Fire proof paid	3.488.93
Balance in hands of Treas	1.372.33=4.861.26
Total paid on a/c of building	$67.166.16

Due on account of Building $53.036.98

Assets.

Cash in hands of Treasurer 1.372.33
Margin on $4000 bonds about 600.00
Subscriptions to stock about 12.000.00 = 13.972.33
39.064.65
Add ground rent & taxes 1867 about 10000.00
Estimated to complete building &c 49.064.65

On motion the report was accepted and ordered on file.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy

The Board met at the New Hall on Monday June 24th 1867.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes, Harmar, and Mitchell.
Mr Mitchell moved that the amount of subscriptions to the stock be raised to $150.000 which was adopted.
Mr Harmar moved that the Officers, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorised, first obtaining the consent thereto of the common stockholders, to issue 1000 shares of 10 per cent preferred stock, at $50. per share, redeemable at any time after 5 years at the option of the Directors

which motion was adopted.
Mr Hayes moved that the Building Committee be instructed to cause all work on the Hall except on unfinished contracts, to be discontinued on & after the 13th of July next, which was adopted.
The President announced the standing Committees for the year, viz
Executive Committee — Finance Committee
J. E. Mitchell Ch^n — C. P. Hayes Ch^n
C. Hannan — L. R. King
J. Ritchie — T. P. James
B. Bullock
P. Mackenzie
On motion of Mr Dreer the day of meeting of the Board was changed to Tuesday at 3 o'clock P. M.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Sec'y

Special Meeting.

In pursuance of a call of four members the Board met on Wednesday June 26th 1867 at the New Hall.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Ritchie Mitchell, Hannan, Dreer & Bullock.

On motion of Mr Harman the resolution passed at the last stated meeting authorizing the issue of preferred stock, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr Mitchell the Committee on Finance were instructed to inquire into the expediency of raising the sum of sum of $70.000 on a mortgage in trust, to be sub-divided into such sums as they may deem expedient, and to ascertain how much money can be raised, and report thereon at the next stated meeting.

On motion of Mr Dreer the Chairman of the Finance Committee was requested to prepare a statement of the present financial condition of the Hall as nearly as he is able to do so, and report at the next stated meeting.—

On motion of Mr Mitchell Mr Lorin Blodget was authorised to collect subscriptions to the stock of the Hall.

On motion adjourned

R. G. Hamilton
Secy.

the Board met on Tuesday
J[illegible] 2nd 186[illegible].
Present, [illegible], [illegible], Dean,
Harrison, [illegible], [illegible].
Mr Hayes, from the Finance Committee, reported that, as nearly as could be now ascertained, the sum of $50.900 was required to complete the Hall and pay up outstanding bills and arrears of ground rent and taxes.
On motion of Mr Mitchell all the bills against the Hall to date were referred to the Building Committee and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to audit and report.
On motion the Treasurer was authorised to appropriate not over $800 of the fund received from the Horticultural Bazaar to make up the sum necessary to pay the note to Bank of B[illegible] due the 3rd Inst.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Tuesday July 9th. 1867. Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Dreer, Mitchell, King, Harman.

The Executive Committee reported progress in the matter of the bills.

Mr Hayes reported that Messrs Bedlock & Paschall, conveyancers, who had been applied to on the subject of a mortgage, expected to be able to give an answer during the week.

On motion adjourned

A. L. Harrison
Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday July 16th. 1867.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, King, Harman, Ritchie, Mitchell, James.

A letter was read from W. J. & J. J. Pascoe, asking payment of their bill.

On motion of Mr Dreer, the Finance Committee was instructed to prepare a report on the financial condition of the Hall, and its prospects of revenue, embodying also an appeal to the present stockholders and others for additional subscriptions to

complete the work, and to furnish each stockholder with a copy of the same.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday July 23-1867.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Mitchell, Dreer, James, & King.

Mr Blodget reported that he had obtained subscriptions for 22 shares of the stock of the Hall.

The Treasurer was instructed to issue a note to Messrs Boswell & Co for $457.00 at 4 months, being the premium & interest on policy of Insurance for $30.000.

The resolution adopted at the last meeting, instructing the Finance Committee to prepare report and appeal, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr King the Board was divided into 5 Committees of 2 members each, to procure subscriptions to the stock of the Hall, as follows; Messrs Schaffer & Ritchie,

King & Hayes, Mitchell & James,
Dreer & Harman, Bullock & Mackenzie
On motion of Mr Mitchell the
Treasurer was directed to refund
out of the first money in the Treasury
not required for the weekly pay roll,
to T. P. James, Treasurer of the
Bazaar fund, the amount required
by him to pay outstanding bills of
the Bazaar.
On motion of Mr Mitchell the
Executive Committee was authorised
to draw upon the Treasurer for so
much of the receipts of rent of the
Hall as may be necessary to put
up the scenery and stage fixtures.
On motion adjourned.
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

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The Board met on every Tuesday
from July 30th 1867 to August 20th
1867, but for want of a quorum
on each occasion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy

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The Board met on Tuesday August 27th 1867.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Mitchell, James, Hayes & Harman.
Mr Schaffer reported a subscription of 250 shares of stock. — Mr James reported that he had the promise of a like amount.
Mr King reported that the carpenters hitherto employed on the Hall had been discharged and new ones employed from the shop of Mr J. Duncan. On motion approved.
A letter was read from W. J. & J. T Pascoe requesting permission to draw for $346. amount of a note due by them for lath. On motion the Treasurer was instructed to give to Messrs Pascoe a note for $346. at four months from date, on their account.
Mr H. A. Dreer sent in his resignation as Treasurer of the Hall. On motion the resignation was laid on the table and the Secretary directed to request him to continue to perform the duties of Treasurer, and to express their high appreciation

of his valuable services.
A letter was read from Cadwallader Biddle Esqr., informing the President that he had been directed to commence suit for the arrears of ground rent.
The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr Biddle.
Applications for the renting of the Restaurant, from two different persons, which were referred to the Executive Committee.
On motion adjourned
A. G. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Tuesday Sept 3 - 1861
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Whitehead, Ritchie, Harmar, & James.
The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.
Mr King offered the following resolution which was adopted;
Resolved that the entire excess of the net income of the Hall, over & above Six per centum on the capital stock paid in shall go to and form a sinking fund for the extinguishment of any mortgage debt which may be created thereon.

On motion the President was authorized to apply to the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, for a loan of $10,000 on mortgage and to present therewith a copy of the Resolution just adopted.

Mr Mitchell for the Executive Committee reported a proposal for renting the restaurant to Mr Brown for $1500 for the first year and $1800 for the second year, with a form of lease for the same.

On motion the Committee were empowered to rent the restaurant to Mr T. E. Brown for 2 years from & after Sept 16th last at the rate of $125 per month for the first year and $150 per month, for the second year, payable monthly in advance.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Sec Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Sept 10th 1867.

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Mitchell Ritchie, Dr. Hayes & Harman.

The President reported that he had

made an application to the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society (accompanied by a copy of the resolution passed at the last meeting) for a loan of Sixty Thousand Dollars. The President, Mr Caleb Cope, not deeming it proper to present the application to the Board, it was withdrawn and the following was offered in its stead;

Phila Sept 11-1867

Caleb Cope Esqr Prest,

Dear Sir,

I have been requested by the Directors of the Horticultural Hall to make application to your institution for a loan of $60.000 to be secured by mortgage on their property on South Broad St, which cost over $160.000

The lot is 75 feet front on Broad Street by 200 feet deep and is covered entirely by the Hall. In case you make the loan we will engage to pay off at least $3.000 of the amount annually

Very Truly Yours

W. L. Schaffer

Prest

The President further reported that the

Directors of the Savings Fund Society had agreed to loan the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars on mortgage of One year at Six per cent, on the terms named in the application above given.

On motion the report of the President was accepted and his action in the matter approved and confirmed.

The resolution passed at the last meeting, concerning the establishment of a Sinking fund, was reconsidered and rescinded. —

It was also Resolved; that all motions and Resolutions, of a financial character, hitherto passed, which conflict with the terms of the arrangement with the Savings Fund Society, are hereby rescinded and annulled.

Mr Mitchell, from the Executive Committee reported that the Restaurant had been let, according to instructions at the last meeting, to Mr T. E. Brown and presented the lease, duly executed.

On motion the report was accepted and the action of the Committee approved.

Mr Hays, from the Finance Committee made a verbal report.

The following resolution was adopted;
Resolved that the Finance Committee be empowered to settle all outstanding claims, for the building of the Hall, by paying to those persons holding such claims, the balance of cash remaining after the payment of the ground rent, interest, arrears and taxes, pro-rata, as far as practicable, and the balance in stock of the Hall.

On motion The Treasurer was directed to issue to Mr Neff, two (2) shares of stock of the Hall in full consideration for any title he may have possessed in the ground on which the Hall is built.

On motion of Mr Whitehead the Executive Committee were authorised to confer with the Directors of the Academy of Music concerning the erection of a covered passage way, to connect the two buildings.

On motion adjourned

A. L. Harrison

Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday Sept 17-1867
for want of a quorum - adjourned

A. L. Harrison

Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday Sept 24th 1867.- Present Messrs Schaffer, King Hayes & Harman.

For want of quorum adjourned

A.W. Hamilton Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Oct 1st 1867. Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer James, Mitchell, Harman & Hayes.

The Finance Committee made a verbal report, whereon the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, which has already been secured from the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, will be insufficient to pay all the outstanding claims against the Horticultural Hall, and whereas the further sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars will be required for that purpose, therefore, Resolved that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorised to issue the promissory notes of this corporation, payable to his own order, and to an amount not exceeding Twelve Thousand Dollars, and that he be and is hereby empowered to negotiate the same on the best terms he can, for the use of this institution.

Resolved, That in case any member or members of this Board shall give their individual obligation to the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, guaranteeing that a lien, claim and incumbrance against the Horticultural Hall shall be satisfied this Board hereby agree to indemnify said member or members, for any loss or harm arising from giving said obligations.

Mr Mitchell, reported that the Executive Committee had made application to the Executive Committee of the Academy of Music for permission to erect a movable passage-way between the Academy and the Hall, which had been declined. -

With a view to a more formal action on the part of this Board, he offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas application has been made to the Mannerchor Society and others having or the use of this Hall, in connexion with the Academy of Music for the purpose of giving grand balls, it is therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Academy of Music are respectfully requested to grant us permission to construct a passage way (in such manner as may be

satisfactory to them) leading from a side door in the Academy to a corresponding door in this Hall, which we propose to do at our expense and to remove that portion of it resting on their ground immediately after every Ball.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Oct 8th 1867. Present Messrs Schaffer & Hays For want of quorum adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday Oct 15th 1867.

Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Hays, Mitchell & Harman.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that they had succeeded in negotiating a loan of $12.000 for 6 months at 9 per cent per annum and offered the following;

Resolved that all monies collected from subscriptions made from and after this date, to the stock of the Hall shall be especially applied towards the

payment of said loan. Adopted.
On motion of Mr King the Treasurer was empowered to return to the Treasurer of the Horticultural Bazaar the amount necessary to pay the catering bill of Augustin Thomas for the collation at the opening of the Hall.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy

The Board met on Tuesday Oct 22nd 1867. - Present Messrs Schaffer, James, Dreer, Hayes, Mitchell, Ritchie, Harman.
The President reported to the Board that Mr Wharton, Solicitor of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society had informed that it was necessary to call a special meeting of the Stockholders to ratify the action of the Board in reference to the mortgage of $60,000; whereupon the following Resolution was offered and adopted;
Resolved that the President be authorized and directed to call a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall on Thursday the 7th day of November 1867 in the Directors room

at 7½ o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering and approving the action of the Board of Directors in obtaining a loan on the security of the Horticultural Hall and ground attached, and to authorise the due execution of the mortgage for that purpose, for the sum and on the terms fixed by the Board.

Mr Mitchell from the Executive Committee reported that a waste well, to cost from $75 to $90, had been ordered to be dug, to receive the waste water from the Kitchen, which was approved. — Also that the Superintendent, Mr Andrews had proposed to furnish the Foyer for private balls, with cushioned seats around the walls and lambrequin curtains over the windows, at a cost of about $750. and to take in pay for the same, the gross proceeds of 5 private balls to be given therein. Referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Mr Harmar stated that application had been made, by Ed. Shippen Esq. for the use of the settees of the Hall, at the coming dedication of the Hollingsworth Public School. On motion it was ordered that in consideration of the gra-

tuition use of the public school lot, during the building and for the purpose of the Horticultural Hall, the Executive Committee are authorised to loan the settees as requested, without any expense to the Directors of the Hall.

The Treasurer was requested to pay the judgment of John Rigging and to obtain his release in full

On motion adjourned

A. M. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday Oct. 29th 1867.

Present Messrs Schaller, Ritchie, Mitchell, Harmar, Green & Hayes.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr C. P. Hayes was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting the Secretary had called a special meeting of the Stockholders to take place on the evening of Nov 7th at 7½ o'clock.

Mr Mitchell, Chairman of the Executive Committee reported an interview with Mr Andrews the Superintendent in relation to the improvement and furnishing

of the foyer, and in lieu of his proposition, submitted at the last meeting he was prepared and agreed in case the improvements were made as suggested that he would relinquish his claim for commissions on so much of the gross receipts of the Hall as would be requisite to complete the same.

On motion the report was approved and the Executive Committee authorised to have the improvements made.

Mr Mitchell also reported that the Committee had deemed it important that a cellar should be dug under the pavement on the North side of the Hall for the use and accommodation of the Restaurant, and submitted a plan of the same. On motion the matter was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday Nov 5th 1867.

Present Fraser, Schaefer, Harmer, Jarrel, Mitchell and Hayes.

Mr Mitchell, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported a proposal from W. W. Weaver to construct the vault in accordance with the plan submitted at the last meeting, for the sum of $660.- Also that the Gas Company recommend the introduction of an additional service pipe and another 100 light meter, to insure a full supply of light for the building.
On motion the Report was accepted and the Committee authorized to have the vault constructed and the additional gas service pipe and meter introduced.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Nov 12th 19th & 26th and Dec 3rd & 10th respectively and in each case adjourned for want of a quorum.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Dec 17-1867
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, James, Pitchie, Harmar & Hayes.
The Secretary being absent on motion Mr Hayes was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that having received the balance due on the mortgage over paying the ground rents the Treasurer had been engaged paying the Mechanics and other claims against the Hall, and finding they would exceed the amount of money on hand he had authorized him to issue three notes as follows;
One dated Dec 14th at 6 months, to $1.000
to Messrs Stevenson & Maris
One dated Dec 16th at 6 months, to $1.000
to P. C. Gustine.
One dated Dec 16th at 4 months, to $439.70
to Oglesby & Hodge. making $2.439.70
for which he now asked the approval of the Board.
On motion of Mr Mitchell the report was accepted and the issuing of the notes was approved
The Chairman of the Executive Committee reported that serious complaints had been made that the building was badly heated owing to the construction of the heaters and requested that some one personally acquainted with Mr Pam the contractor should wait upon him and request him to remedy without

delay any defects in the same
The report was accepted & the President volunteered to see Mr Rand on the subject. No other business before the Board, on motion adjourned

C. P. Hayes
Sec'y pro. tem.

The Board met on Tuesday Jan 7-1868 there having been no quorum on December 24th & 31st 1867.
Present Messrs Schaffer, King, Dreer Hayes, James, Mitchell & Harmar.
Mr Hayes from the Finance Committee reported outstanding bills amounting to over $2.000 including ground rent due to the Academy of Music for which the deeds had not yet been executed, and Cash on hand $823.80.
The President reported that the Directors of the Academy of Music had declined to permit any connection to be made between the Hall and the Academy.
Mr Mitchell reported that the Executive Committee had obtained an estimate from Ogelsby & Hodge, plumbers, for a galvanized iron pipe and nozzle for attaching a hose in the south corridor

for $33. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee with power to act.

The following report was also presented.

Philadelphia Jan 7-1868

To the Board of Directors of Hort. Hall.

Gentlemen,

The Executive Committee beg leave to report that they have obtained estimates for putting up the vestibule doors and partitions from Mr James H. Lesher for $300 and from Mr John Duncan for $308, which includes in both cases, all the labor & materials, (doors excepted) necessary to complete the job. We have also ordered the Water closet for the restaurant from Messrs Oglesby & Hodge for $32. and the carpenter work is being done by Mr Duncan and will cost about $10. more. We have ordered cocoa matting for aisles & vestibules amounting to about $150. more.

On the evening of the 1st Inst. the wood work near the hot air register of the furnace in the S.E. corner of Horticultural Hall took fire but was fortunately discovered and extinguished before doing

much damage. We are now having all the heaters overhauled and the wood work protected so as to prevent such accidents in future. We recommend that an outlet for water (1 to 1½ inches) be placed in the vestibule, (South end), — a smaller one having already been placed at the North end, — with screw nozzle and about 50 feet of hose, to be kept in readiness in case of fire.

A false and injurious report having been circulated in reference to the strength of our building, the building inspectors were requested to give the entire structure a thorough examination which they did, and gave the certificate hereto attached, reaffirming their previous report that the building was firm and substantial in all its parts. This report we have thought proper to have published in all the newspapers. —

J. E. Mitchell
Chairman of Ex. Committee

To the Board of Directors of Horticultural Hall,

Gentlemen,

Having this day carefully examined your Hall, we

not only confirm what we certified to in June 1867 but reaffirm our convictions as to the entire strength and safety of your building. The walls are not only well built and of ample strength to sustain any weight to which it may be subjected, but the whole structure from the basement to the roof is built in the strongest and most substantial manner and is one of the strongest buildings in the City.

R. G. Wright
John F. Shriner
James M. Stewart

Jan 6th 1868.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy

On motion accepted and ordered on file

The Board met on Tuesday January 14th 1868.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, King, Ritchie, Mitchell.

Mr Mitchell reported an estimate from Hogeaby [illegible] for 1/3 inch water pipe and [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] of $44.75. Also [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] $14.[illegible] and the hose

about $40.00 more. On motion the Executive Committee were empowered to cause the work to be done.

On motion adjourned

C. P. Hayes, Harrison Sec"

The Board met on Tuesday Jan 21st & 28th and Feb 4th and 11th 1868 but, for want of quorum at each meeting adjourned.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Feb. 18-1868.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Janney, Harman Mitchell, Ritchie, Dreer and Hayes.

Being the first meeting of a quorum since the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders and election of Directors on motion — Mr Schaffer was called to the chair and C. P. Hayes appointed Secretary.

The Chairman announced that the first business in order was the election of permanent officers for the year.

Mr Janney nominated Mr Harman for President. Mr Hayes nominated Mr Schaffer. Mr Harman declined; whereupon Mr Hayes offered the following

resolution; "Resolved that Mr W. L. Schaffer be and is hereby declared and elected President of this Board for the ensuing year"; which was unanimously adopted.

Mr Harmar nominated Mr Henry A. Dreer as Treasurer who was also on motion declared Treasurer.

Mr James nominated Mr A. W. Harrison Secretary, who on motion was declared Secretary.

The President appointed the following Committees for the year;

Executive Committee. Messrs Mitchell Harmar, Ritchie, James & Morris.

Finance Committee, Messrs Hayes, King, Dreer and Cornelius, Harmar.

On motion of Mr Hayes it was Resolved that in future the hour of meeting shall be at 7 o'clock P. M. on the second Tuesdays of every month instead of 3 o'clock P. M. as heretofore.

Mr Mitchell offered the following Preamble and Resolution which were unanimously adopted;

Whereas, in order to raise sufficient means to pay off the floating debt and

to complete the Hall it will be necessary to procure about $30,000 additional funds, therefore
Resolved that this Board recommend that they be authorised to make application to the present session of the Legislature of this State for authority to issue preference stock, not exceeding Thirty Thousand Dollars in amount on which Eight per cent per annum shall be paid."
The Secretary was directed to present the above Preamble and Resolution to the Stated Meeting of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to be held this evening.

On motion adjourned
Chas. P. Hayes
Secretary pro tem.

There was no quorum of the Board on Tuesday, March 17th 1868

A Special Meeting was called by the President and held on Tuesday evening April 3rd 1868.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Harman, Greer Hayes and Mitchell.

The following Supplement to the Charter was read and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

A further Supplement to an act to incorporate the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society approved March twenty third one thousand eight hundred and thirty one authorising the issue of additional stock.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That it shall and may be lawful for the Board of Directors of the Horticultural Hall by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the stock represented at a meeting convened for the purpose by the said Board of Directors after ten days notice in at least two daily newspapers published in the City of Philadelphia setting forth the objects of said meeting, to create Six Hundred shares of stock of the par value of Fifty (50) Fifty dollars each, which shall be deemed and taken to be preferred stock and may be disposed of by the said Board of Directors on such terms the

can obtain at their discretion.—

Section 2. That the holders of such preferred stock shall be entitled to receive dividends out of the net profits of the Hall for each year to an amount not exceeding eight per centum on the par value of the shares held by them before any dividends whatever shall be paid on the common stock of said Hall and they shall have the privilege of exchanging their said preferred stock into the said common stock with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the common stockholders whenever they may elect so to do.

Provided however that no dividend shall be declared upon either stock until all the current expenses, repairs, ground rents, interest on mortgage or other obligations debts and outlays incident to a proper administration of the affairs of the Hall shall have been first paid or provided for from its receipts.

Provided also that in case the full dividend of eight per centum on the said preferred stock shall not have been earned or paid in any year no dividend shall be paid on the common stock until the

whole arrears of the said dividend of eight per centum on the preferred stock shall have been paid to the holders thereof out of the subsequent net profits of the Road.

Section 3. That the holders of the said preferred stock shall be subject to all the duties and obligations and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges given to the common stockholders.

Elisha W. Davis
Speaker of the House of Reps.
Jas. L. Graham
Speaker of the Senate.

Approved, the Eighteenth day of March Anno Domini One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Eight

Jno. W. Geary

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth
Harrisburg March 25th 1868.

Pennsylvania S.S.

I do hereby certify the foregoing and annexed to be a true and correct copy of the original act of the General Assembly, entitled "A further Supplement to an Act to incorporate the Pennsylvania

Horticultural Society approved March twenty third one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, authorising the issue of additional stock" as the same remains on file in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Secretary's Office to be affixed, the day and year above written.

Isaac B. Gara

Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth.

On motion a special meeting of the Stockholders was ordered to be called for Wednesday April 22nd at 7½ o'clock P.M. by public notice in the Press and Telegraph newspapers and the Secretary was directed to send printed notices to each stockholder.

On motion of Mr Hays it was Resolved that a Committee be appointed to draft a form of appeal to the stockholders for subscriptions to the stock of the Hall, to be presented at the next meeting of the Board subsequent to the special meeting of the Stockholders. Messrs Hays, Whitaker and Hannan were appointed as Committee.

The Treasurer announced a balance on hand of about $2300. Also that the unpaid bills on hand unpaid amounted to about

$1500 in addition to bill of taxes, $1650.
all of which, on motion were referred to
the Finance Committee with power to
act.

On motion adjourned

A.C. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
April 14th 1868.

Present Messrs Schafter, Mitchell, Cornelius
Harmar, Ritchie and Hayes.

In the absence of the Secretary on motion
Mr Hayes was appointed Secretary pro
tem.

The Finance Committee reported the
floating debt to be about $20.000 and that
a note of $12.000 was now nearly due
and proposed that instructions should be
given to the Treasurer to issue another
note for that amount.

On motion instructions were given to
the Treasurer to issue a note for $12.000 at
4 or 6 months as advised by the Finance
Committee

The Committee to draft an appeal to the
Stockholders for subscription to the common
or preferred stock reported that they had

not yet prepared the circular but would at once prepare and report to the Directors. On motion it was Resolved that when we adjourn it be to meet again on the 21st at 7 o'clock P. M.

On motion adjourned

C. P. Hayes
Sec'y pro tem.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday April 21st at 7 o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, James Ritchie, Cowling and Harman.

The Special Committee to prepare an appeal to the stockholders reported that they had performed that duty and their appeal would be presented to the Stockholders at the special meeting on the 22nd inst.

On motion adopted.

On motion adjourned

Chas. Harman
Sec'y pro tem.

The Board met on Tuesday evening May 12.-1868.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Harman and Mitchell. - No quorum.

On motion adjourned - Alex. Harrison
Sec'y

The Board, met on Tuesday evening June 10th 1868.

Present Messrs Schafer, Ritchie, Mitchell, Harman, Speer.

A communication from the Water Register, stating the water rents for 1867 & 1868 amounting to $128 was unpaid, was referred to the Treasurer with instructions to settle it, if not already paid.

On motion of Mr Harman it was Resolved, that this Board, hereby invites the Shareholders of Horticultural Hall to attend, in person at a meeting to be held for the purpose, on Tuesday evening 16th Inst, at 8 o'clock, or to sign proxies authorising the issue of preferred 8 per cent stock.

Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorised to employ a suitable person to obtain signatures to said proxies.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harman Secy.

No Meeting of the Board was held during the months of July & August 1868.—

The Board met on Tuesday evening Nov. 10-1868.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes, Ritchie and Hamar.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Hall, was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer announced that the interest on the Mortgage will be due before the next meeting. — On motion the Treasurer was authorised to borrow on the best terms he can, enough money to pay the interest on the mortgage and taxes on the property.

A bill of Stevenson & Harris for lumber was presented amounting to $101.23.

On motion the Treasurer was requested to pay the bill, when in funds.
A communication from Thomas C. Brown, concerning painting and papering the basement occupied by him, and asking for a reduction of rent, was received and referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion adjourned
A. C. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday evening December 8th 1868.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Speer, James, Ritchie & Mitchell. —
No business was transacted and on motion adjourned.
A. C. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday evening January 12th 1869, after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.
Thomas P. James Esqr was called to the chair and A. C. Harrison appointed as Secretary.
William L. Schaffer Esqr was then unanimously elected President for the

current year.
Henry A. Dreer Esqr was nominated as Treasurer, but declines, whereupon on motion the appointment was postponed to the next meeting.
A. W. Harrison was chosen Secretary for the current year.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy

The Board met on Tuesday evening Feb 9 - 1869. —
For want of a quorum adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Tuesday evening March 9th 1869.
For want of a quorum adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met on Tuesday evening April 13th 1869.
Present W. L. Schaffe. —
For want of a quorum adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
May 11th 1869.—
Present Messrs Mitchell, Dreer, Hayes
James & King
On motion the Secretary was instructed
to call a Special meeting of the Stock
holders, for the purpose of authorizing the
issue of a mortgage on Friday June 4th
8 P.M. On motion the Treasurer was
authorized to borrow on the best terms
possible the sum of Eighteen Hundred
Dollars or such part thereof as may be
necessary to pay the semi annual interest
on the mortgage.
On motion adjourned
S. W. Harrison
Secy

At a Special Meeting held at No 15
North 9th St, present Messrs Compton,
Mitchell, James and Dreer, a commun
ication was read from the Handel and
Haydn Society and on motion laid
on the table.
On motion adjourned
S. W. Harrison
Secy

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No meetings of the Board were held during
the months of June, July, August & September.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Oct 12th 1869.

Present Messrs Scaife, Green, Hayes Mitchell & Ritchie.

A letter was read from Mr J. E. Gould in relation to the erection of an organ in the Hall and referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion the Executive Committee were directed to notify Thomas Brown lessee of the basement rooms that unless his arrears of rent are paid forthwith the conditions of his lease will be promptly enforced.

The following paper was presented by Mr Mitchell of the Executive Committee;

"Proposals to purchase from E & G. G. Hook of Boston the Grand Chorus Organ used at the National Peace Festival at Boston, June 1869.

To offer the owners $5000 less 10% or $4500. for the organ when placed in position in Horticultural Hall according to drawings furnished by them.

Terms. $2500 Cash when the organ is set up and in good working order.

$500 in 6 months, $500 in 12 months $500 in 18 months. $500 subscription by the Messrs Hook to the Organ fund.

The Organ to be placed in Horticultural Hall and to be the property of the Hall Company. A fund to be raised to pay for it to be called the "Organ fund." and all of the proceeds had for the use of the organ (after deducting repairs and tuning) to be devoted to paying an interest on the investment, the Hall to make no charge for the use of the space occupied by the organ.

It is believed that from $15 to $25. could be had for the use of the organ nightly. 20 nights at $15 would pay 6 per cent on the cost.

The body of the organ would occupy about 250 sup. feet out of 2800 feet of the present stage (40 x 70). The raised platform of 8 by 18 feet could be used for choruses and by adding to the present front of the stage ample room could be obtained for the largest chorus needed for good effect.

The presence of such an instrument would offer great inducements to use the Hall for Choral Societies as no organ now exists in any public Hall in Philadelphia and it would no doubt be used on Sundays by a church desiring such accommodation.

The organ offered by Messrs Hall & Co. is admirably adapted for the use of a large Hall like ours and is well adapted for this particular place as it not only has sufficient power to sustain the heaviest chorus but can be used as a solo instrument as well.

Our Sacred and other Musical Societies have long desired to have such accommodations as this arrangement would offer and they will doubtless avail themselves of the advantages it will offer to get up choral and other music on a magnificent scale.

Resolved that a Committee of 3 members of this Board to consist of Messrs Mitchell, Hays, and Harrison are hereby appointed for the purpose of conferring with similar Committees of Musicians, for the purpose of raising subscriptions to purchase an organ to be placed in Horticultural Hall."

On motion accepted and the whole matter referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Nov 9th 1869.
For want of a quorum adjourned
A.W. Harrison Secy

The Board met on Tuesday evening Dec 14th 1869.
For want of a quorum adjourned.
A.W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Jan 11th 1870 after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders.
Mr E. Satterthwait was called to the Chair, and A.W. Harrison appointed Secretary.
The Roll of Directors was called and the following gentlemen responded;
Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Pritchard, Ritchie, Hayes, Satterthwait, Evans.
The following nominations were made;
For President, Wm L. Schaffer
" Treasurer, Wm Hacker
" Secretary, A.W. Harrison
On motion the Chairman cast the ballot for the nominees, who were all duly elected. — On motion adjourned
A.W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
February 8th 1870.
For want of a quorum adjourned.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday evening
March 8th 1870.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Mitchell
Evans, Satterthwait and Hayes.
The Secretary being absent on motion
C. P. Hayes was requested to act as Secretary
pro. tem.
On motion it was resolved to dispense
with the reading of the minutes of the
last meeting.
Mr Mitchell, Chairman of the Executive
Committee laid before the meeting the
following statement as obtained from the
records of the superintendent.
June 1867 to June 1868.

20 Concerts	1624.00
4 Festivals	577.50
5 Meetings	490.00
6 Commencements	385.00
2 Conventions	367.50
12 Balls (14 Hot Balls)	2864.23
48 Soirées	707.70
14 Lectures	980.00
Forward	$7995.93

Forward.	$7.995.93
3 Anniversaries & Dinners	343.00
1 Fair	420.00
1 Public Sale	140.00
Church	875.00
Total	$9.773.93
June 1868 to June 1869	
14 Concerts	268.50
5 Festivals	332.50
3 Meetings	303.63
3 Commencements	168.75
1 Convention	184.50
2 Balls (& Hat Racks)	1988.81
14 & Matinees	637.50
5 Lectures	330.00
2 Anniversaries & Dinners	112.50
2 Fairs	1247.25
1 Public Sale	62.22
Church	1237.50
Total	$6.878.66
June 1869 to June 1870	
5 Festivals	$ 416.25
6 Meetings	393.75
7 Balls (& Hat Racks)	1277.74
Lectures	52.50
1 Anniversary	37.50
14 Fairs	3075.00
Church	383.66
Total	$ 5.636.40

Engagements until June 1870.

1 Concert	$25.00
2 Balls	200.00
1 Lecture	60.00
	$285.00

Total Amount received from Restaurant $3.600.00

Report

Hort. Hall March 8-1870

To the President of Hort. Hall

Dear Sir,

The Executive Committee beg leave to present a statement of the receipts, from all sources, for the Hall, up to this date showing a falling off in the receipts for all purposes except Fairs, - no Concerts, Conventions, Commencements, Matinees or Public Sales were held in the Hall during the past year. We think this clearly shows the necessity for using some means to restore these engagements. This your Committee think can only be done by rendering the Hall more attractive, by decorating the walls, cushioning the settees and putting up curtains to the windows. Without such addition we fear that the receipts

for the coming year will not be sufficient to pay the expenses.

Respectfully yours,
J. E. Mitchell
Chairman

Interest $3600
Ground rent 405
Taxes 2000 = $6005

Mr Mitchell urged upon the Directors the importance of immediate action in regard to obtaining subscriptions to the Preferred Stock.

After a discussion as to the best mode of obtaining subscriptions and a general interchange of views on that subject and important matters necessary to be had, no other business being before the Board,

on motion adjourned
Chas. P. Hayes
Secy, pro-tem.

× The Resignation of Mr Thomas Sparks as Director was read and on motion accepted.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
April 12 - 1870.

On motion the Executive Committee were authorised to add to their number and to obtain an estimate of the cost of flooring over the present Hall level with the gallery, erecting tiers of boxes at the East end, altering the stage and proscenium and any other improvements they deem necessary to render it complete and acceptable for concerts or any other purposes, and to cause to be prepared by Mr Russell Smith a sketch of the general interior arrangements and decorations.

On motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison Secy.

For want of a quorum no meeting was held in May 1870

The Board met on Tuesday evening
June 21 - 1870.

Present Messrs Schaefer, Mitchell, Evans, Satterthwait and Hayes.

In the absence of the Secretary, Chas. P. Hayes was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

Mr Mitchell, Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented the following letters;

Phila June 7/70

To the Directors of Horticultural Hall

Dr Sirs,

I have drawn proposed plans for altering & adding to the present building, - and find for the new floor, partitions, stairs, stage &c as also the windows on the sides to light the proposed dressing room for ladies and rooms for gentlemen and for dining room, all made complete, will cost $17.500

Very Respectfully

John Crump

J. E. Mitchell Esq.

Philada June 21-1870

J. E. Mitchell

Dear Sir,

I understand that the Committee have adopted a plan for the alteration of Horticultural Hall. I should be pleased to make an estimate of the work as soon as possible.

If my terms are acceptable to the

Committee I will give all necessary security for the faithful performance and completion of the work in the shortest possible time.

Respectfully Yours
Henry D. Leeke
Builder
18 S. 15th St.

Mr Mitchell criticised a plan prepared by Mr John Crump for the alterations of the Hall; when, on motion, it was Resolved, that the plan of alteration in the Hall presented by Mr Crump meets with our hearty approval and that the same be placed in the hands of the collector of the Horticultural Society with instructions to him to solicit subscriptions from the stockholders and others to the prefered stock, previous to any further action or adoption of the plan of alterations.

Instructions were then given to the collector, who was present, to report to the President the result of his labors prior to a Special Meeting to be called by the President.

On motion adjourned

Ch. P. Hayes
Sec'y pro. tem.

For want of quorum no meeting were held during the months of July August, September, October, November and December 1870, January and February 1871.

The new Board of Directors met on Tuesday evening March 14th 1871.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Ritchie, Satterthwait and Evans.
On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers and the following gentlemen were duly elected;

William L. Schaffer, President
Williams Hacker, Treasurer
A.O. Harrison, Secretary.

The subject of putting a new floor in the Hall was presented and after some discussion as to the best means of obtaining the money required for the purpose, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed by the President to apply to the Legislature for authority to issue eight per cent bonds to be secured by a mortgage to the amount of $30.000 said mortgage to be held by two trustees for the benefit of the

[illegible]
Messrs Satterthwait & Evans were appointed as said Committee.
On motion adjourned.
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

For want of a quorum no meeting was held in the month of April 1871

The Board met on Tuesday evening May 9th 1871.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Hacker, Satterthwait, & Mitchell.
Mr Satterthwait from the Committee to procure a supplement to the charter authorising the issue of bonds, reported progress.
The President announced the following Committees;
Executive. Messrs Mitchell, Ritchie, Hayes, Evans & Hacker.
Finance, Messrs Satterthwait, Dree, Mitchell, Flanagan, Cornelius.
Mr Thomas Evans resigned his office of Director, which was not acted upon.
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

Special Meeting

At the call of the President a special Meeting was held at the Office of the Secretary No 15 North 6th Street on Friday June 16th 1871 at 3 P.M.

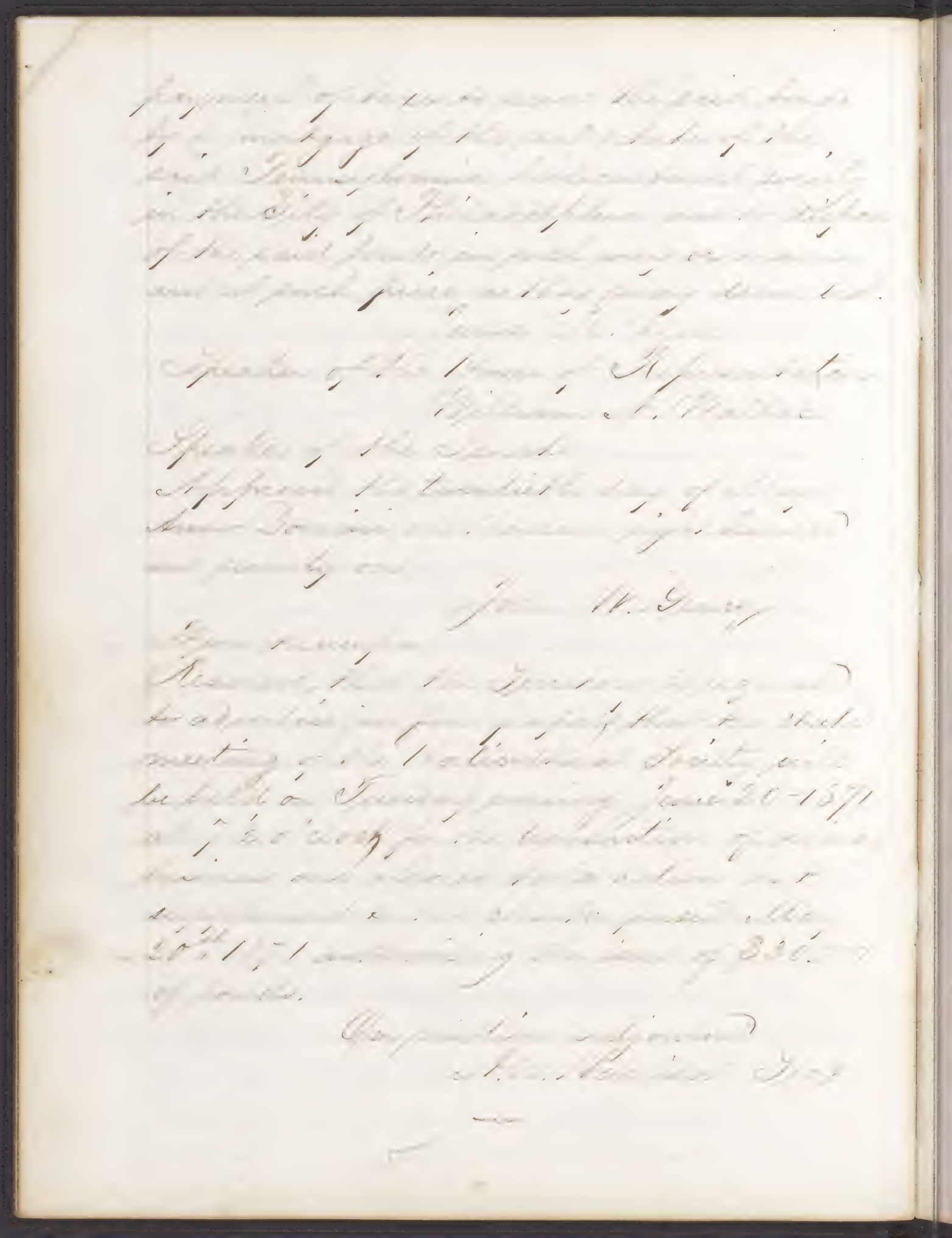
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hacker, Dreer, Evans.

The proposed act for the Creation of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society was presented and read as follows;

An Act

To authorize the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to issue bonds and secure the same by mortgage.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the Board of Officers of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society known as the Directors of the Horticultural Hall are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society of a denomination of not less than one hundred dollars for an amount not exceeding [illegible] dollars [illegible] of interest not exceeding [illegible] [illegible]



The Board met on Tuesday July 11 1871 at No 15 North 9th St. at 3 P.M.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell Satterthwait and Hacker.
The resignation of Mr Thomas Evans was received and accepted.
Mr Samuel J. Sharpless was on motion elected a Director in place of Mr Thos Evans resigned.
Mr Mitchell offered the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed by the Chairman to secure subscriptions to the bonds authorised by the Act of Assembly approved May 20 1871 and when not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars shall have been subscribed for the said Committee shall cause the bonds and a mortgage to be prepared and shall report thereon to this board.
Messrs Hacker, Sharpless, Satterthwait Mitchell and Cornelius were appointed as said Committee.
On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

For want of quorum no meetings were held in August and September 1871.

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The Board met on Tuesday Oct 10-1871 at 3 P. M. at the office of the Secretary No 15 North 9th St.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Speer and Hacker.

On motion of Mr Mitchell the Special Committee to obtain subscriptions to the bonds of the Hall were requested to confer with the Directors of the German Theatre for the purpose of procuring their subscriptions and for other purposes and to report at the next meeting.

On motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison Secy

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For want of quorum, no meetings were held in November and December 1871

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The Board met on Tuesday evening January 2nd 1872 after adjournment of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Dreer, Hays, Satterthwait & Hacker.
On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers and the following names were duly elected.
H. A. Schaffer President
H. Hacker Treasurer
A. L. Harrison Secretary
On motion Messrs Satterthwait and Hays were appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurers accounts.
On motion the Architect was ordered to the Committee to procure plans for the alteration of the Hall.
On motion adjourned
A. L. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening February 13th 1872.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Satterthwait Starkes and Wright.
For want of a quorum adjourned to meet on the 20th Inst at 7½ o'clock P.M.
A. L. Harrison
Sec'y.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday evening February 20th 1872.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Hayes, Wright, Mitchell, Dreer, Houghton, Sharpless, Satterthwait, Hacker.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Report presented it, as follows;

Philadelphia Jan 9th 1872

To the Stockholders of the "Horticultural Hall Association"

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the report of his receipts and disbursements during the past year. For the several sources of Rent Income included in his aggregate, he refers to the Report of the Sup't herewith also annexed and submitted as a portion of his report.

Of the payments the item of Interest is for the Ground rent as held by the Academy of Music and Interest on Mortgage of the "Phil" Saving Fund".

The Building a/c comprises some old debts on Building paid off & permanent improvements.

The Expense a/c is charged the heavy items of Taxes, Gas, Insurance, (paid yearly) Coal & general repairs.
The largest pressing debts are Taxes of 1871 overdue & a bill of Carpenter & Fresco Work & other little bills probably amounting to $3.500 to $4.000. There are also the temporary loans to the Association which have not been reduced during the year.

Respectfully Submitted
William Hacker
Treas.

William Hacker Treasurer
In account with
Horticultural Hall Association

Receipts.

1871 Jan 10th. Balance per report		$355.59
From Rent of Hall (net)		9.142.48
Total Receipts		9.498.07

Payments.

For Interest & Ground Rent	4.410	
" Building a/c	1.094.48	
" Expense a/c	2.783.21	
		8.287.69
1872 Jany 1st. Cash on hand, balance		$1.210.38

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Jany 1st 1872.

William Hacker
Treas

We have examined the above account and find it to agree with the vouchers presented.

Feb 20th 1872 — C. P. Hayes, E. Satterthwait } Committee.

Philadelphia Jan 1st 1872

To the President & Directors
of the Horticultural Hall

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The following is the number and amounts received for engagements of the Hall from Jan 1st/71 to Jan 1st/72 inclusive.

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11	Concerts	800.00
2	Festivals	110.00
7	Meetings	432.50
1	Convention	1.000.00
21	Balls	5.487.00
3	Lectures	410.00
1	part of another Fair	1.453.33
1	Reading on a/c	25.00
4	Exhibitions	235.00
1	Supper	305.00
1	Wedding & Ball	130.00
1	Forfeit of "	25.00
	Church	750.00
	Gross	$ 11.162.83
	Commissions	2.790.70
	Nett	$ 8.372.13

Thos. A. Andrews
Superintendant
of Hort. Hall

The Report was accepted.

The Committee to procure subscriptions for altering the Hall reported progress.

On motion Mr Richard Wright was added to the Committee.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening March 12th 1872.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Wright, Sharples, Satterthwait and Hacker.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr Hacker was requested to act in his stead.

Mr Ritchie, from the Committee on alterations of the Hall reported progress.

The Committees were announced for 1872.

Executive	Finance
J. E. Mitchell	E. Satterthwait
Jas. Ritchie	H. A. Dreer
C. P. Haines	J. E. Mitchell
W. Hacker	S. J. Sharples
J. S. Houghton	R. Wright

On motion adjourned to meet March 19-1872

A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Board met on Tuesday evening March 19th 1872.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Speer, Ritchie, Wright, Satterthwait Hayes.

In the absence of the Secretary on motion Mr Chas. P. Hayes was requested to act in his place.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Chairman of the Executive Committee was requested to call upon Mr Crump with the plan formerly submitted by him and procure from him an estimate for the same and submit it at next meeting.

On motion adjourned

Chas. P. Hayes
Sec'y. pro tem

The Board met on Tuesday evening April 9 - 1872.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell. Ritchie, Wright, Sharpless.

Mr Wright, from the Executive Committee reported progress as to the call on Mr Crump.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President

A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
May 14 - 1872.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Dreer, Hayes,
Mitchell, Wright & Sharpless.
The specifications for alteration of the
Hall prepared by Mr John Crump
were read and discussed.
The Committee were requested to procure
specifications from Mr Lesky.
On motion adjourned to meet on
Saturday at 8. P. M.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

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The Board met, pursuant to adjourn-
ment, on Saturday evening, May 18th
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell,
Ritchie, Wright.
There being no quorum present, after
an informal conference with Mr Lesky
concerning the alterations of the Hall,
on motion adjourned to meet on
Thursday 23d, at 4 P. M. at the office
of the Secretary.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

On motion Messrs Mitchell & Hacker
were requested to prepare a circular to
Stockholders and others, for subscriptions
to the fund for alterations of the Hall.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday May 23rd at 4 P. M. at the office of the Secretary No 15 N. 9th St. Present Messrs Mitchell, Ritchie, Miller, Hacker, Dreer.

Mr Lesley exhibited plans and sections of alterations of the Hall and on motion was requested to prepare specifications and estimates therefor.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening June 11th 1872.

Present the President & Secretary.

For want of a quorum adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

For want of quorum no meetings of the Board were held during the months of July, August, September & October.

A Special Meeting was held at the office of Mr W. Hacker on Friday November 15th 1872 at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Dreer, Ritchie, Sharpless and Hacker.

On motion the Executive Committee were empowered to act at their discretion,

in the matter of the alteration of the North and South stairways in the front hall, the central floor of the main hall now glazed with plate glass, the putting up of curtains to the windows and the ventilation of the Hall.

On motion adjourned to meet at the same place on Friday the 22nd Inst. at 4 o'clock P. M.

A. V. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment on Friday Nov 22nd 1872 at No 21 North 7th St. at 4 P.M.

In the absence of the President on motion Mr J. E. Mitchell was called to the Chair and Wm Wacker appointed Secretary.

The following members were present, Messrs Mitchell, Ritchie, Satterthwait, Wright, Sharpless and Wacker.

Mr Wright of the Building Committee reported the expense of alterations to the Hall to be $25.000, the amount subscribed $18.000, showing a deficit to be made up by subscription of $7.000.

On motion of Mr Wright the chairman was requested to appoint a Committee of three to increase the insurance upon the

building at least $10.000 in such companies and at such rates, not exceeding those now paid as they can negotiate. The Chair appoints Messrs Wright Sharpless and Ritchie. On motion of Mr Sharpless the Treasurer is authorized to lease the restaurant under the Hall, in accordance with the advertisement, to Thos. E. Brown or other respectable & responsible applicant for a term not to exceed one year at $600. pr annum, payable monthly in advance and a clause to be inserted in the lease that the place shall be kept closed during Sunday.

On motion of Mr Sharpless the Treasurer in connection with the Finance Committee is requested to furnish a full statement to the next meeting of the Board of the financial condition of the Association.

On motion it was resolved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet on Friday next, 29th Inst, at the Hall at 8 P. M.

On motion the Finance Committee will meet at 21 N. 4th St. on Thursday next at 4 P. M. On motion of Mr Ritchie the subject of the expediency of painting or papering the Hall is referred to Mr Wright of the Building Committee with power to act.

On motion adjourned (Signed) W. Hacker Sec'y pro tem.

For want of quorum no meeting was held on Friday Nov 29th 1872.

The Board met on Tuesday Dec 10-1872. at 8. P. M.

Present Messrs Ritchie, Green, Wright Satterthwait, Sharpless, Hayes.

Mr Ritchie was called to the chair

A communication was received from the Treasurer calling attention to the dangerous position of the gas meter and requesting the action of the Board.

On motion of Mr Sharpless the Building Committee were instructed to cause the proper alteration to be made in the position of the meter and, if they deem it advisable, to cause an additional meter to be placed in the building.

Mr Wright reported that an additional insurance, to the amount of $10,000, on the Hall had been secured at the rate of seventy five cents per hundred dollars, by the Committee appointed therefor, which, on motion, was approved.

On motion of Mr Sharpless the Treasurer of the Horticultural Hall was requested to confer with the Treasurer of the P. Horticultural Society and issue to the

said Society, at par, any stock due them and not already issued.

Mr Thurtles from the Finance Committee report that on an examination of the affairs it was found that it would be necessary to procure, by legislation, an addition to the last supplement to the charter, to authorize to issue $20.000 additional bonds.

Upon motion the Building Committee were authorised to lease the front basement for twelve months to a satisfactory tenant on the best terms they can obtain.—

Mr Thurtles offered the following preamble and resolution;

Whereas, By act of Assembly approved March 20, 1871 the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society known as the Directors of Horticultural Hall were authorised to issue 8 p.c. bonds to the amount of $30.000 and to secure the same by mortgage of their real estate, and Whereas the Committee appointed to obtain subscriptions to said Bonds prepared a form of subscription with the assent of the President of the Horticultural Society (copy hereto annexed), wherein there was a condition that the Horticultural Society should take the amount of their claim against the Hall in Trust, therefore,

Resolved that our Treasurer, Wm Hacker, be instructed to lay the matter before the Horticultural Society at their next meeting and ask them to carry out the arrangement so that he may inform the subscribers to Bonds that this condition has been complied with, so as to enable him to call in paid subscriptions.-

Copy of Subscription paper.

"Subscriptions to 8% Bonds of the Horticultural Hall Association.

At the Stated Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Horticultural Hall Association held July 11th 1871 a Committee of five were appointed to secure subscriptions to the Bonds authorised by act of Assembly approved May 20-1871, said act authorizing the issue of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30.000) of 8% Bonds.

We the undersigned subscribers hereby agree to take and pay for the amount of bonds as set opposite our respective names for the purpose of paying off the floating debt of the Company and to make the proposed alterations in the building. Said subscriptions are payable at such times as may be called for by the Treasurer. The Interest on the bonds so issued to be payable semiannually

at the rate of 8% per annum, free of tax, and to be secured by mortgage upon the Real Estate of the Society. This subscription is not to be binding unless the full amount of $30.000 is subscribed and is made with the understanding that the Penna. Horticultural Society shall take stock for the amount of their claim." No action was taken thereon.

Philadelphia July 25th 1871.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday Jan 28th 1873.

* On motion Mr Schaffer was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Election of Officers.

On motion the Board proceeded to the election of officers. The Chair appointed Messrs Mitchell and Wright Tellers who announced the following persons duly elected;

W. L. Schaffer President

[illegible], Treasurer.

A. W. Harrison, Secretary.

The Chairman announced the appointment of Messrs Satterthwait, Mitchell and Wright as a Committee to procure the requisite legislation for the issue of bonds of the Penn^a. Horticultural Society in accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders held Jan 14th 1873.

A letter was received from Mr Andrew Seitz making application for the lease of the basement as a restaurant. On motion it was laid on the table.

The President announced the appointment of the Committees for the year

Executive	Finance
Mitchell	Satterthwait
Ritchie	Dreer
Meyer.	Mitchell
Wright	Hilton.
Dickinson	Landreth.

* The following members were present at the meeting; Meyer, Schaffer, Mitchell, Dreer, Ritchie, Meyer, Satterthwait, Wright and Landreth.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday Feb. 11th 1873
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes, Ritchie, Satterthwait, Landreth, Duhring
The following Resolution was adopted:
Resolved that all bills for construction or labor presented for the Exhibition be first certified by the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Treasurer shall thereafter pay the same and report them to the Board monthly.

Upon which adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday March 11-1873
Present Messrs Mitchell, Hayes, Duhring and Satterthwait.
For want of a quorum adjourned.

A. W. Harrison Secy.

The Board held a Special Meeting on Monday March 24th 1873.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Wright Duhring, Satterthwait.
An application was made by Mr Hess for the lease of the basement room on Broad Street for a floral depot and was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.
The President stated that applications had

been made for the free use of the Hall and requested the definite action of the Board thereon.

Mr Dubring offered the following; which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the use of the Hall in any case at less than the customary rates of rent.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Sect.

For want of a quorum no meeting was held in April 8th - 1873 & May 13 - 1873.

A Special Meeting was held on Wednesday evening April 30 - 1873. in pursuance of a call by the President. Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Wright, Satterthwait, Dubring, Sandrett. In the absence of the Secretary Mr Wm Hacker was chosen Secretary pro tem. The following preamble and resolution, were unanimously adopted; (see next page;)

(For want of a quorum no meeting was held on May 13 - 1873.)

Whereas by an act of the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled an Act authorising the issue of bonds of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the securing by mortgage and disposal of the same approved the twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini 1873 it was enacted as follows;

That it shall be lawful for the board of officers of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society known as the Directors of the Horticultural Hall to issue bonds of the said Horticultural Society to such an amount not exceeding sixty thousand dollars as they may deem advisable bearing interest not exceeding the rate of eight per centum per annum with or without provision for the payment of taxes on the said bonds and to secure the same or any part thereof by mortgaging the real estate of the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and ~~also by the holders of the Horticultural Hall stock issued by said Society~~ and it shall also be lawful for the said Directors to dispose of the said bonds at such price and in such way or manner as they may deem best, provided that this act shall be first accepted by the Pennsylvania

Horticultural Society and also by the holders of the Horticultural Hall stock issued by said Society and further provided that the acceptance by the Horticultural Society may be at any regular stated meeting, but the acceptance by the stockholders shall be expressed by a stock vote taken at a special meeting of said stockholders called by the President by advertisement published in two newspapers in the City of Philadelphia twice a week for two weeks before the day appointed for such meeting. Provided also that the amount of bonds issued under this act and the act approved May twentieth one thousand eight hundred and seventy one shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars and that no bond shall be issued of a less denomination than one hundred dollars.

And Whereas at a stated meeting of the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society held at Philadelphia on the fifteenth day of April A. D. 1873 the said above recited act was duly accepted by the said Society;

And Whereas at a special meeting of the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall held at said Hall in the City of Philadelphia on the 19th day of April A. D. 1873 at eight o'clock P. M.

in pursuance of due public notice by the President as directed by said act, the said above recited act was duly accepted by the said Stockholders;

And whereas for the purpose of providing for the payment of alterations and improvements made and to be made to the Real Estate of the said Society and liquidation of debts outstanding, it is in the opinion of the Directors of the Horticultural Hall advisable to make and issue bonds of the said Society to the amount of Sixty Thousand dollars; Therefore be it

Resolved that in pursuance of the authority contained in the said act and of all other authority thereunto in that behalf enabling the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society do make and execute bonds to the said aggregate amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars, that is to say, thirty bonds for one thousand dollars each, forty bonds for five hundred dollars each, and one hundred bonds for one hundred dollars each, with coupons attached to each bond respectively and to be in the following form;

United States of America

No.) State of Pennsylvania.) S.

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

(Loan of $60,000) (Secured by Mortgage)

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society acknowledge themselves indebted to William Hacker or bearer, in the sum of ——— Dollars lawful money of the United States of America which sum the said Society promise to pay to the said William Hacker or bearer on the first day of May A. D. 1893 with interest thereon from the first day of May A. D. 1873 at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, payable semiannually on the first day of the months of November and May in each year on delivery of the proper coupon therefor, without deduction for any tax or taxes on the principal or interest which the Society may by any present or future laws of the United States or the State of Pennsylvania be required to retain therefrom for National or State purposes the Society hereby assuming the payment of all such taxes.

This Bond may be registered on the books of the Society in the name of the holder thereof, and thereafter shall be transferable only upon the said books, unless at any time assigned on the said books to bearer, when it shall again become transferable by delivery only. Each succession registration to be certified on the back of this bond;

when the bond is payable to bearer its coupons will be payable to the bearer on presentation, but when the bond is registered in the name of the holder, the coupons will be payable to him only.

This is one of a series of Bonds of like tenor and date, amounting in all to the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, secured by a mortgage of even date herewith duly recorded of the Real Estate of the Society therein mentioned duly authorized and executed and delivered by the said Society to William Hacker and Richard Wright in trust to secure the payment as aforesaid of the principal and interest of the said bonds.

In Witness whereof the said Society have caused these presents to be sealed with their corporate seal duly attested at Philadelphia this first day of May A. D. 1873.

Attest

..... Secretary ..... President

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* This bond is one of those secured by a mortgage duly recorded of the Real Estate of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society dated the first day of May A. D. 1873 duly authorized and executed and delivered by the said Society to William Hacker and Richard Wright the

Trustees named therein to secure the payment of the principal and interest of Bonds of the said Society to the amount of Sixty thousand Dollars.

_____ } Trustees
_____ }

Date	By whom transferred	To whom transferred	Transfer Agent

And said coupons to be in the form following to wit;

On the day of 18
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will pay on surrender of this coupon to the registered holder or order, or if registered to bearer, then to the bearer hereof Forty Dollars for interest due on that day on its second mortgage bond.
No. .....Treasurer.

And whereas it was then further resolved that to secure the payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds the parties hereto of the first part should execute and deliver to the parties hereunto of the second part as Mortgagees in trust this present indenture of mortgage the form of which was then approved and adopted.

And whereas it was then further resolved that

the corporate seal of the party of the first part hereto should be affixed by their President to each of the said Bonds and to this mortgage and that the same should be duly attested by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the party of the first part and that the said President be and he was thereby authorized to acknowledge and deliver this mortgage as the act and deed of the party hereto of the first part and have the same duly recorded.
And whereas it was further resolved that a certificate in the form following should be placed on each of the said bonds; see ※
Now this indenture witnesseth;
That the said party of the first part as well in consideration of the premises and for the securing the payment of the said bonds to the amount of Sixty Thousand dollars together with the interest which will accrue thereon, and the taxes upon the principal and interest of the said bonds the payment whereof is assumed by the said party of the first part as therein and herein mentioned as of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America unto them well and truly paid by the said William Hacker and Richard Wright at the time of the execution hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted

bargained, sold, aliened, confirmed, released and confirmed, and by these presents in pursuance of and execution of the power and authority in them vested by the said recited resolutions and of the Act of Assembly aforesaid and of all and every other power and authority in them in anywise vested and in this behalf, enabling Do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff release and confirm unto the said parties hereto of the second part and the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor All that certain Lot or piece of ground with the building thereon erected known as Horticultural Hall situate on the West side of Broad Street and South side of Lardner, formerly Westmoreland, Street in the Eighth Ward of the City of Philadelphia containing in front or breadth on the said Broad Street Seventy five feet and extending of that breadth in length or depth Westward, Two Hundred feet. Bounded Northward by the Lot of ground next hereinafter described and granted. Eastward by the said Broad Street Southward by the said Lardner Street and Westward by a Lot marked on the General Plan of City Lots N° 1198 [Being compose of three several Lots or pieces of ground which John Huff and Margaret his wife by indenture dated the Twenty fifth day of August A. D. 1868 recorded at Philadelphia

in Deed Book L.R.B. No 201 page 384 granted and conveyed unto the said the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society their successors and assigns Under and Subject as respects one of the said three Lots of Ground to the payment of a certain Yearly Ground Rent of Four Hundred and Ninety two dollars as respects one other of said three lots of ground to the payment of a certain Yearly Ground rent of Four Hundred and Seventy Four dollars and as respects the other of said three lots of ground to the payment of a certain Yearly Ground Rent of Four Hundred and Sixty two dollars as therein expressed and which three lots of ground were also by indenture the Twenty third day of August A.D. 1866, recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book L.R.B. No 181 page 513 &c executed by John Louis Thatcher granted and conveyed unto the said the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society their successors and assigns under and subject nevertheless to the payment of the said three several yearly ground rents above mentioned and John W. Williams in whom the said Yearly Ground rent of Four Hundred and seventy four dollars was then vested and wife by indenture dated the eighteenth day of October A.D. 1867 recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book J.T.D No 94 page 534 granted released and extinguished the same unto the said the Pennsylvania

Horticultural Society their successors and assigns. And William Meredith, in whom the said Yearly Ground rent of Four Hundred and Ninety two dollars was then vested by Indenture dated the Twenty Second day of November A.D. 1867 recorded at Philadelphia in deed book F.T.C. N°94 page 546 granted, released and extinguished the same unto the said the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society their Successors and Assigns. And Sarah C. Biddle in whom the said yearly ground of Four Hundred and sixty two dollars was then duly vested by Indenture dated the Twenty Second day of November A.D. 1867. Recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book F.T.C N°94 page 546 granted, released and extinguished the same unto the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society their successors and assigns; and the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society by Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty Seventh day of November A.D. 1867 Recorded at Philadelphia, in Mortgage Book F.T.C N°51 page 186 granted and conveyed the said large lot of ground composed of three lots of ground as above mentioned with the Buildings and Improvements thereon erected unto the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, to secure payment of

the principal sum of Sixty thousand dollars with interest as therein mentioned]

And Also All that certain lot or piece of Ground situate on the West side of Broad Street at the distance of One hundred and sixty feet Southward from the South side of Locust Street in the said City of Philadelphia, containing in front or breadth on said Broad Street Fifteen feet and extending of that width in length or depth Westward Two Hundred feet Bounded on the North by ground of the American Academy of Music on the West by the City Lot N° 198 on the South by ground hereinabove described and granted and on the East by Broad Street aforesaid.

[Being the same lot of ground which the American Academy of Music by Indenture dated the Twenty Second day of April A.D. 1867 Recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book J.T.C. N° 116 page 488 &c granted and conveyed unto the said The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society their successors and assigns. Reserving therefor and thereout a Yearly Ground rent or sum of Four Hundred and five dollars in equal half yearly payments on the first day of the months of January and July in every year forever without deduction for taxes.] Together with all and singular the

the Buildings and Improvements, Streets, Alleys, Passages, Ways, Waters, Water courses, Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances whatsoever, unto the hereby granted premises belonging or, in anywise appertaining, and the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate right, title, interest, property claim and demand whatsoever of the said Party of the first part hereto as well at law as in equity of in and to the same and every part and parcel thereof.

To Have and to Hold the same with the appurtenances unto the said Parties hereto of the Second part and the survivor of them and the heirs of such survivor to and for their only use and behoof.

But in Trust Nevertheless for the use benefit and security as hereinafter mentioned of the several persons or bodies corporate, their respective successors executors administrators and assigns who shall be or become the holders of the said bonds to the amount of Sixty thousand dollars as aforesaid intended to be hereby secured or any of them, without preference priority or distinction whatsoever, to any holder or any such bond or bonds, subject to the rights of the party of the first part and their

successors and assigns to retain the free and uncontrolled use enjoyment possession and management of the premises hereby granted or intended so to be and to receive the issues, income and profits thereof, until the said parties of the second part are authorized to enter upon and take possession of or sell the same as hereinafter set forth.

And it is hereby expressly covenanted, agreed and understood by and between the parties hereto [the said party of the first part covenanting as well for themselves as their successors and assigns and the said parties of the second part covenanting as well for themselves as their successor or successors in the trust] in manner following, viz:

"First, that they the party of the first part will punctually pay to the holders of the Bonds aforesaid intended to be hereby secured any that may be issued and accepted in lieu, renewal or substitution of the same respectively the interest thereon semiannually as the same shall become due and payable according to the terms in the said Bonds contained and on the days therein respectively mentioned for the payment of the same and shall and will also on the days and times mentioned in said bonds respectively or whenever the principal

sums of the said Bonds, shall according to the provisions hereof, become due and payable, fully and entirely pay, off, and satisfy as aforesaid the whole of said bonds principal and interest without further delay, and without deduction from either the said principal or interest for any tax or taxes which the said party of the first part may by any present or future law of the United States or the State of Pennsylvania, be required to retain therefrom for National or State purposes, the said party of the first part hereby assuming the payment thereof.

Second. that if the party of the first part hereto their successors or assigns shall at any time hereafter after demand made make default or refuse neglect or omit for any period exceeding Three months to pay the semi-annual interest on the Bonds intended to be hereby secured or any of them or shall after demand made make default or refuse neglect or omit for any period exceeding Three months to pay the principal sum of each and all of the said Bonds intended to be hereby secured or any of them when and as the same become due and payable then in either such case the said Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall and will upon the

written request of holders of a majority in amount of the said Bonds then outstanding enter upon and take possession of the estates and premises hereby mortgaged or agreed or intended so to be and shall and will thereupon use, manage and control the same to the best advantage and appropriate the net income and proceeds derived therefrom (after deducting the expenses of this Trust and such sum or sums as may be sufficient to indemnify the Trustee or Trustees for the time being against any liability loss or damage for or on account of any matter or thing done by them or him in good faith in pursuance of their or his duty as Trustees or Trustee and also such sum as may be required to provide for the payment of the interest upon the above mentioned first Mortgage and the above mentioned Ground Rent and also such taxes, charges and assessments as they may be required to pay) to the payment in full without giving preference priority or distinction to one bond over another. First of the interest due on and Secondly of the Principal of all the aforesaid Bonds then outstanding and intended to be hereby secured. If the said income and proceeds be insufficient but if not then pro rata; or the said Trustee

or Trustee shall and will after or without entering upon and taking possession upon the written request of holders of a like amount of the said Bonds then outstanding proceed to sell the estates and premises hereby mortgaged or agreed or intended so to be to the highest and best bidder at public sale in the City of Philadelphia (first giving at least three months notice of such intended sale by publication to be made twice in each week in at least two daily newspapers published in the said City of Philadelphia) and grant and convey the same to the purchaser or purchasers freed from all and every the trusts hereby created and without liability to see to the application of the purchase money and shall and will appropriate the purchase money (after deductions made for expenses of the Trust and indemnities to the trustees or trustee aforesaid) to the payment as aforesaid First of the Interest due or, and Secondly of the principal of the said outstanding bonds in full if the said purchase money be sufficient but if not then pro-rata and in the event of their being in the hands of the said Trustees or Trustee any portion of the Trust Estate or the proceeds thereof after the payment in

full of the principal and interest of the aforesaid bonds then the said Trustees or Trustee shall reconvey, retransfer and pay over the same to the party of the first part their successors or assigns for their sole use and benefit. It being distinctly understood and agreed that in the event of any such entry upon or taking possession of the estate and premises hereby mortgaged or agreed or intended so to be or in the event of any sale thereof by the said Trustees or Trustee for the time being as hereinbefore mentioned then and in either such case the whole principal sum of each and all of the said Bonds then outstanding and intended to be hereby secured shall forthwith become due and payable. And it being further distinctly understood and agreed (any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding) that no part of the premises hereby mortgaged or intended so to be shall be sold under proceedings either at law or in equity for the recovery by either of the parties hereto of the said sum or their successors in the trust or by the holders of the bonds intended to be hereby secured or any of them of the whole or any portion of the principal or interest of the aforesaid bonds it being the intention and agreement of the

parties hereto for the better securing the largest possible price for the mortgaged premises in the event of a sale thereof that the mode of sale hereinbefore provided shall be exclusive of all others.

Third, that in the event of the death, resignation neglect, refusal or incapacity to act of the Trustees herein named or any of them or any successors or successor in the trust, then the party hereto of the first part shall have full power and authority to nominate and appoint a new Trustee or Trustees for the purpose of filling the vacancies so caused and supplying the place of such Trustee or Trustees so dying resigning neglecting refusing or becoming incapable to act, and the said Trustee or Trustees so nominated and appointed shall take upon himself or themselves the same trusts and have the same powers and be subject to all the stipulations and conditions of this indenture and which trusts, powers stipulations and conditions it is hereby agreed and declared shall extend to and be performed and executed by such newly appointed trustee or trustees as they can or may or could or might be by the parties named herein as parties of the second part and the like nomination and appointment shall and may be

made and carried into effect in like manner and as often from time to time as there may be occasion therefor and with the same effect as before mentioned.

Fourth. And it is hereby covenanted and agreed as aforesaid, and this trust is accepted upon the express condition that the said Trustees shall not nor shall any future trustees or trustee incur any liability or responsibility whatever in consequence of permitting or suffering said party of the first part to retain or be in possession of the estate and premises hereby mortgaged or agreed or intended so to be or any part and to use and enjoy the same; nor shall the said Trustees or any future trustees or trustee be or become responsible or liable for any destruction, deterioration, determination loss, injury or damage which may be done or occur to the estates hereby mortgaged or agreed or intended so to be, either by the said party of the first part or their agents or servants or by any other person or persons whomsoever nor shall any such trustee or trustee, present or future be in any way responsible for the consequences of any breach on the part of the party of the first part of any of the covenants herein contained nor of

any act of said party of the first part their agents or servants nor shall the said Trustees or Trustee present or future be or become liable or responsible for any cause matter or thing except their or his own wilful and intentional breaches of the trusts herein expressed and contained.

Provided always nevertheless that if the party of the first part their successors or assigns shall and do well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the person or persons, bodies politic or corporate who shall become holders of the Bonds intended to be secured hereby the several and respective sums expressed therein on the day and time hereinbefore mentioned for payment thereof together with the lawful interest for the same according to the provisions of the said recited obligations or bonds or in accordance with the provisions hereof without any fraud or further delay then and from thenceforth as well this present Indenture and the estates hereby granted and conveyed or hereby agreed so to be, as the said recited obligations shall become void and of no effect anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; and satisfaction shall be forthwith duly entered by the said Trustees or Trustee for the time being of the

record of this Indenture of Mortgage.

In Witness whereof the said the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society have hereunto affixed their common or corporate seal and the President of the said Society has by virtue of the authority vested in him hereunto affixed his signature and the Secretary of the said Society has duly attested the execution hereof this the day and year first aforesaid.

Sealed and Delivered in presence of us

..... President (Seal)

..... Secretary

We accept of the Trusts contained in the foregoing Indenture of mortgage, witness our hands and seals this ..... day of May A. D. 1873.

Witnesses present

..... (Seal)

..... (Seal)

State of Pennsylvania }
City of Philadelphia } S.S.

Be it Remembered that on this day of May A. D. 1873 before me the subscriber a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing in the City of Philadelphia personally appeared .....

President of the foregoing named corporation, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, who being duly deposes, and says; That he was personally present at the execution of the foregoing Indenture of mortgage, and did affix the common or corporate seal of said corporation The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society thereto and that the said seal so affixed, is the common a corporate seal of the said the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and that the foregoing Indenture of mortgage was, duly, signed sealed and delivered by and as and for the act, and deed of the said The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and that the signature of this deponent to said Indenture of mortgage, as President of this said Corporation, is of this deponents own proper handwriting

Affirmed & subscribed before me this the day and year aforesaid. Witness my hand and official seal

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State of Pennsylvania }
City of Philadelphia } ss.

Be it Remembered that on this

..... day of May A.D. 1873 before me the subscriber, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania residing in the City of Philadelphia personally appeared ..... Secretary of the foregoing named corporation, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, who being duly ---- deposes and says that he was personally present at the execution of the foregoing Indenture of Mortgage and saw ..... President of said Corporation, sign, seal and deliver the said Indenture as his act and deed and in pursuance of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company in said Indenture recited passed at a meeting of said Board held on the thirtieth day of April A.D. 1873 by order and authority of said Company as the act and deed thereof and did also see him affix the seal of said Company to the said Indenture of mortgage by virtue of the authority aforesaid vested in him as the act and deed of the said Company; and that the name of this deponent subscribed to the said Indenture as Secretary of said Corporation, in attestation of the due execution and delivery of the said Indenture is of this deponents own proper handwriting.

Affirmed & subscribed before me this the day and year aforesaid. Witness my hand & official seal.

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After the reading and adoption of the preamble, resolutions and the form of bond and mortgage as above recorded, on motion adjourned.

Wm Backer
Sec'y pro tem.

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For want of quorum no meetings were held on Tuesday evenings June 8 and July 6th 1873

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For want of quorum no meetings were on Tuesday evenings Aug 12 & Sept 9 1873

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A Special Meeting was held on Friday evening Sept 19–1873

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Dreer Ritchie, Wright and Satterthwait. & Hayes.

The following Preamble and Resolution were adopted;

Whereas suit has been brought and judgment obtained against this Board for the balance due the contractor for the alterations of the Hall amounting to about $4.000 and Whereas this Board has succeeded in disposing of a portion only of the 8 per cent bonds authorised to be issued for this purpose therefore Resolved that we feel it to be our duty to advise the Stockholders of the necessity of raising at once a sufficient

amount to pay all outstanding liabilities incurred in the alterations of the Hall in order to save their stock from being sacrificed by an execution and sale of the Hall property.

And that a special meeting of the Stockholders be called for Tuesday evening Sept 23rd at 7½ o'clock to devise means to meet this emergency and to prevent the Hall from passing out of our hands.

Resolved, that the following notice be issued to the Stockholders:

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders will be held on Tuesday evening next Sept 23 at 7½ o'clock at the Directors Room of the Hall. Immediate action is necessary to relieve the Hall from embarassment and to avert the sacrifice of the propect.

The rents of the Hall are yearly increasing and the prospect of a remunerative return to the Stockholders at an early day is most encouraging, if provision be made for present pressing obligations.

To obtain the means to finish the building and make it thoroughly fitted for all kinds of occupancy suited to its character mortgage bonds have been issued bearing 8 per cent interest in sums of $10., $50. and $100.:

A Statement of the affairs of the Hall will be made at the meeting.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Oct 14-1873.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Dreer, Satterthwait and Wright.

The Resignation of Mr Oliver Landreth as a member of the Board was read and accepted.—

The resignation of Mr Henry C. Gibson as a member of the Board was also accepted.

On motion Mr Thomas Evans was unanimously elected a member of the Board.—

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Sec'y.

For want of quorum no meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening November 11th 1873.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
December 9th 1873.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Evans,
Ritchie, Satterthwait and Wright.
The Committee on Subscription to the 8%
Bonds reported that they had procured
subscriptions to the amount of $12.517
of which amount the sum of $9.513
has been paid.
It was announced that the Treasurer
this day made a final settlement with
Mr Reeves, the contractor for alterations
the Hall.
On motion of Mr Ritchie it was
Resolved that the Finance Committee,
in conjunction with Mr Hayes, be
requested to prepare a full report of the
financial condition of the Hall to be
presented to the Stockholders at the
coming Annual Meeting.
The Superintendent, Mr Sweeney,
reported the engagements of the Hall
from date to the end of March to
amount to $5.600
The Executive Committee reported that they
had contracted for the painting of the roof
of the Hall for the sum of Ninety Dollars.
On motion the report was authorized

to pay for the same when done.
The Committee also reported that the Directors of the Academy of Music have prepared an iron bridge to connect the Hall with the Academy.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secy.

The New Board met on Tuesday evening Jan 27-1874.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Ritchie Hayes, Satterthwait, Wright, Duhring, Baker, Trotter, Houghton.
Mr Satterthwait was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary for the meeting.
The Report of the Judges of Election to the Stockholders, and the accompanying certificate of the Treasurer was then read;

Horticultural Hall
Jan 17-1874

We, the undersigned, appointed at a meeting of the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall held Jan 13-1874 Judges to conduct the election of Directors of the said Company hereby certify that the persons named below received the number of votes set opposite to their respective names and are duly elected

Directors of the aforesaid company for the ensuing year.

Wm. L. Schaffer	445 votes	Richard Wright	526
J. E. Mitchell	435 "	C. H. Duhring	526
James Ritchie	526 "	Isaac F. Baker	445
Ch. P. Hayes	445 "	C. W. Trotter	445
E. Satterthwait	445 "	J. S. Houghton	445

Witness our hands & seals this seventeenth day of January A. D. 1874

Ch. P. Hayes (Seal)

Edwin Satterthwait (Seal)

The gentlemen named above are all holders on the books of the Company of Ten Shares each

William Hacker
Treas.

Philad^a Jan 27th 1874.

On motion the meeting proceeded to the nomination of officers

W. L. Schaffer was nominated for President

A. W. Harrison was nominated for Secretary.

On motion the Secretary was directed to cast the ballot.

Messrs Hayes and Ritchie were appointed Tellers, and announced the nominees as unanimously elected.

Mr Satterthwait moved that the election of Treasurer be postponed till the next meeting, which motion was adopted.

On motion the Chair appointed Messrs Satterthwait, Mitchell & Hayes as a Committee to confer with Mr Thomas A. Anderson in regard to a contract for his services after the first of June next and report at a future meeting.

Mr Hayes then offered the following; Resolved that we now take up for consideration the resolution passed at the meeting of the stockholders of the Hortincultural Soc. Hall which reads as follows; "Resolved that the incoming board be requested to confer with the Penn Hort. Society and request them to fix a limit to the operation of the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders Jan 14 - 1873 granting them the use of the Hall and to ask them to pay as a remuneration therefor the actual expenses of Gas, fuel &c used by them and to waive their right under said resolution to this extent." The Resolution was adopted.

Mr Hayes read a paper giving his views at length upon the subject, and a general discussion ensued thereon.

On motion of Mr Mitchell, the Chairman was requested to appoint a Committee of three to bring to the notice of the

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society the Resolution passed at the Stockholders Meeting held Jan 14-1874 above recited.-
Messrs Mitchell, Satterthwait and Trotter were appointed as the committee.
Mr Ritchie stated that he had purchased at public sale a bond of the Hall for the amount of $500, at the price of 81 per cent and offered it to the Hall at that rate, but no action was taken thereon.
Mr Dubring brought to the attention of the Board the fact that the Mortgage was due on the Stock, First Mortage and Second Mortgage Bonds and moved that a committee of two be appointed to make inquiry and report at a subsequent meeting. The motion was adopted and Messrs Dubring and Satterthwait were appointed as the committee.
On motion the Chair was requested to appoint a Committee of three to attend to the insurance of the Hall, whereon Messrs Dubring, Wright & Satterthwait were appointed the Committee.
* On motion adjourned

J.W. Harrison
Secy.

* The Committees for the year were announced as per list on the following page.

The Board met on Tuesday evening February 10th 1874
Present Messrs Schaffer, Satterthwait, Trotter, Wright, Ritchie & Hayes.
The Committee appointed to confer with Mr Andrews reported progress and were continued.
The Finance Committee reported progress in the matter of the examination of the Treasurer's accounts.
The Committee on Insurance reported that the property is insured to the amount of $40.000 and were continued.
On motion the election of a Treasurer was further postponed.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secy

Committees for 1874.

Executive	Finance
Mitchell	Satterthwait
Ritchie	Trotter
Hayes	Hayes
Wright	Duhring
Houghton	Baker.

The Board met on Tuesday evening March 10-1874.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Wright, Hayes, Ritchie, Satterthwait, Baker, Houghton, Dubring, Trotter.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Messrs Satterthwait and Mitchell made a verbal report of their interview with Mr Andrews concerning the Superintendence of the Hall.

On motion of Mr Trotter the report was accepted and the Committee were empowered to contract with Mr Andrews for a commission of twenty per centum of the gross receipts of the Hall, after deducting the gas and fuel.

The Committee on the State Tax asked leave to be continued which was granted.

The Committee on Insurance reported progress and were continued.

On motion of Mr Trotter they were instructed to procure additional insurance to the amount of $10,000 and to report at the next meeting the amounts insured and the name of the several offices in which they are effected.

On motion, a Committee consisting of

Messrs Mitchell, Satterthwait and Trotter was appointed, to report at the next meeting, on the subject of a Treasurer.

On motion adjourned

A. D. Harrison,
Sec'y.

Special Meeting.

A Special Meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening March 17-1874

Directors present, Schaffer, Trotter, Dubring, Ritchie, Wright & Hayes.

President Schaffer in the Chair.

The Secretary being absent, C. F. Hayes was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

The President briefly stated that the object of the meeting being called was to hear the report of the Committee appointed to confer with Thomas A. Andrews in regard to a future engagement of his services as Superintendent and for any other important business.

Mr Hayes then read the following report

Horticultural Hall
March 19-1874

To Wm. L. Schaffer Esq.
President of the Board of Directors
of Hort'l Hall

The undersigned, a

Committee appointed to confer with Mr Thomas A. Andrews in reference to his compensation as Superintendent of this Hall beg leave to report that after they had explained to Mr Andrews the receipts and expenditures of the Hall for the past 6 years he consented to receive and we agree to allow him for his services as Superintendent of the Hall from the 1st of June 1874 to the 1st of June 1876, Twenty per cent of the gross rental of the Hall, after deducting the cost of the gas and fuel used on the premises, as per agreement herewith inclosed. We also inclose a statement of the Annual expenses of the Hall and of the receipts and expenditures of the past six years.

Respectfully submitted for your approval

J. E. Mitchell
E. Satterthwait
Ch. P. Hayes.

The written contract drawn up and presented was then discussed and after several amendments was agreed to and on motion the President and Secretary were instructed to present the same to Mr Andrews for his signature and were authorised to execute the same on behalf of the Board.

Mr Scattergood on behalf of the Committee

appointed to select a proper person to fill the position of Treasurer, reported that the Committee had consulted with Mr. A.E. Harrison and he had agreed to accept the position vacated by Mr. Hacker at his own request, and suggested that we proceed to the election of Treasurer. The Report was accepted and the Committee discharged.
On motion of Mr. Dubring it was unanimously resolved that Mr. A.E. Harrison be appointed the Treasurer of this Board and, in connection with his services as Secretary, at a salary of Four Hundred Dollars per annum.
No other business being before the Board on motion adjourned

C. P. Hayes
Sec't pro tem

The Board met on Tuesday evening April 14th 1874.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes, Ritchie, Satterthwait, Trotter and Dubring.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
Mr Dubring, on behalf of the Committee appointed to effect additional insurance

on the Hall reported that they had taken out a policy for $5,000 in the United Firemen's Insurance Co. of Phila, and policies for $2500 each in the People's Insurance Co of Penla and Lancaster, of Lancaster Pa.

The Committee's Report was accepted and they were discharged.

The Committee on State Tax was continued

The Finance Committee reported progress. and was continued, in the matter of the accounts of the late Treasurer.

On motion of Mr Trotter it was Resolved, that all current bills shall be examined and certified for payment by at least two members of the Executive Committee who shall meet for that purpose on the second Tuesday evening of each month, except such bills for gas, water, taxes, or other municipal bills as they may authorise the Treasurer to pay in the interim between their meetings.

The Treasurer was authorised to settle with Mr Howard, bricklayer, by payment of $500 in cash and the balance in bonds of the Hall at 90 per cent. of their face value or any other more favorable terms.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

me to be ... the ... of this meeting.
I will pay the ... for his services.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. S. Houghton

On motion the petition of Dr. Houghton was granted, in consideration of the valuable services he has gratuitously rendered the Hall and the Society, and it was further
Resolved that neither his case nor that of the City Committee quoted by him shall be considered or serve as a precedent in any future case.

The following Report was presented
William Hacker Treas.
In acct with Horticultural Hall

Receipts.

1874 Jan. 1st	To Balance per last	32.26	
	" Rent a/c	5.024.35	
	" Subscription a/c	1.400.00	
	" Interest	7.26	6.463.87

Payments

By Interest a/c	499.67	
" Rent a/c	726.56	
" Building a/c	229.43	
" Bills Payable	2.000.00	
" Paid a/c for $500 bond bought	493.58	3.[illegible]51.6[illegible]
Balance due Treas.		$2.632.17

Phila. March 31 1874 William Hacker
E. & O. E. Treas.

On motion the Report was adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes.
The following Statement was then read;

Philadelphia May 12 187[illegible]

To the President & Directors of Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the following statement of the condition of the Treasury as nearly correct as my engagement necessarily to the office of Treasurer will permit.

Cash in Bank this day		3.301.[illegible]
Less		
Interest coupons May 1st	$380.	
[illegible] — coal	32.	
Metzinger Bros.	116.	
H. B. [illegible], in suit, about	45.	
J. Howard Bickham "	60.	
" in bank acc/ $1187.		
Hibernia Savings Fund interest on mortgage May 27th	1.500	$3.023.[illegible]
Balance say		$278.[illegible]
Engagements to June 1st, [illegible], about		350.00
" June 1st to July 1st " "		500.00
Outstanding Claims		851.[illegible]
Amount in [illegible]		$237.30
[illegible] due [illegible] 1st		125.00
		362.30

Leaving probable available means July 1st
about $1500.

Coming liabilities

Insurance due July 15th	$500	
Taxes say	2300	
Ground Rent July 1st	200	$3.000.

Bonds issued to date

30 Bonds of $1.000		$30.000
29 " "	500	14.500
65 " "	100	6.500
		$51.000

Bonds due

To [illegible]	$1.100	
" J. W. [illegible]	750	
" J. A. [illegible]	200	2.050
		53.050

Subscriptions unpaid

Thos. P. Mackenzie	$300.	
[illegible]	100	
Thomas Meehan	100	
Edward Browning	100	
Pa. Hort. Society	500	$1.100

A. W. Harrison Treasr.

The subject of increasing the insurance [illegible] [illegible] $25,000, [illegible] [illegible] was discussed [illegible] [illegible] Insurance.

for the use, labor and expenses herein stip-
ulated the Board agrees to pay the said
Thomas A. Andrews twenty (20) per centum
of the gross receipts of the said building,
the front basement excepted, after deducting
the cost of gas and fuel.
4th It is further agreed that the letting of
the said Hall shall be made by the said
Thomas A. Andrews as Attorney in fact of
the Board of Directors of Horticultural Hall
subject however to the consent and approval
of the Executive Committee of said Board of
Directors which Committee shall, at all times
have free access to the account books of the
receipts from rents and contracts for letting
the Hall, which shall be kept by the said
Thomas A. Andrews for their inspection;
and the said Thomas A. Andrews further
agrees that weekly settlements shall be made
with the Treasurer of the Board of Directors
on every Monday Morning at which time
the said Thomas A. Andrews agrees to
pay to the said Treasurer the amount
received for the week, after deducting his commission
specified in Section 3rd.
5th It is further agreed that the President,
Secretary and Treasurer and Board of Directors
shall have access at all times to all parts

requisitions of this agreement then it shall cease and determine in which event the said Board of Directors shall be released from all claims for damages on the part of the said Thomas A. Andrews his heirs and administrators.

8th. It is hereby expressly understood and agreed that this instrument shall not be held or taken as a lease of said premises or any part thereof to the said Thomas A. Andrews but only as a Power of Attorney and as such Attorney alone is he empowered to act. All agreements or leases to be made by him for the use of the Hall shall be signed by him as Attorney in fact of the Board of Directors of the said Horticultural Hall and said leases shall be in such language and form as the Board of Directors shall determine.

9th. And it is further agreed that on the completion of this agreement the said Thomas A. Andrews shall be entitled to receive one half of his said commission of twenty per cent on the amount of all contracts for the use of the Hall made by him which shall take effect after the first day of June 1875.

10th. This agreement shall go into effect on the first day of June 1874 and shall continue in effect until the first day of June 1875.

The Board met on Tuesday June 9 - 1874
Present Myers Scheffer, Mitchell, Hays
and Satterthwait
The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved.
The following Report was read;

Philada June 9 1874

To the President & Directors
of Horticultural Hall

The Account current of
the Hall for the past month is as follows;

Receipts.

Rent of Hall	690.95
Bonds sold J. W. Howard	1.100.00
	$1.790.95

Payments

Building Acc - J. W. Howard in full	1.700.00
Interest on Mortgage	1.800.00
Gas Bill for May	114.77
Expense acc - Check Book	5.00
Interest, coupons	92.00
	3.711.77
Cash on hand, this day	$1.385.57

Interest coupons due $288.
Bonds due J. H. Trotter 750. & interest thereon

Respectfully submitted
H. W. Harrison
Treas.

Messrs Satterthwait & Hayes of the Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account to date and found it correct.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

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No members being present, no meeting was held, on Tuesday evening July 14th 1874

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No quorum being present, no meeting was held on Tuesday evening Aug 11-1874

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For want of a quorum no meetings were held during the months of September October & November 1874

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The Board met on Tuesday evening December 8th 1874. Present Messrs Baker, Hayes, Mitchell, Duhring, Satterthwaite, Ritchie.

The Treasurer presented Monthly Reports showing the following results

1874	Receipts	Payments
to July 14th	$ 434.05	$ 624.10
to Aug 11th		214.87
to Sept 8th		108.00
over	434.05	$ 946.97

	Receipts	Payments
Forward	434.05	946.97
to Oct 13th	140.00	61.99
to Nov 10th	2.685.96	1.877.98
to Dec 8th	3.723.00	4.974.63
On hand June 9.	1.385.57	
Balance Dec 8.		507.01
	$8.368.58	$8.368.58
Balance Dec 8	$507.01	

The several reports were referred to the Finance Committee and by them examined and found correct.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secretary

A Special Meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening January 12-1875, to take into consideration the proposition for the use of the Library Room by the National Commemorative Monument Association. Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Trotter, During, Hayes, Baker, Gatterthwait, Wright.

On motion of Mr Trotter it was Resolved that the use and occupancy of the Library Room of Horticultural Hall be granted to the National Commemorative Monument Association for the period of two years from the first day of January 1875 on condition that

The said Association shall, on [illegible] at their own expense, fit up and furnish the said room in a manner acceptable to the Directors of the Hall, which said fittings and furniture shall be and remain the property of the said Hall after the termination of said occupancy; in consideration whereof the said Association shall be exempt from any further payment of rent. The said occupancy and use shall not in any way interfere or be incompatible with the use and occupancy of said room by the officers of the Horticultural Hall, and by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Resolved that a Committee of two be appointed to make the necessary arrangements with full power to act.

Messrs. Mitchell and Patterson appointed the Committee.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secretary

The Board met on Tuesday evening January 21st 1875.

Present. Messrs Mitchell, Baker, Hayes, Trotter, Dreer, Ritchie.

Mr Hayes was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read the result of the election of Directors at the Stockholders Meeting, whereat Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Ritchie, Satterthwait, Hayes, Bright, Baker, Dreer, Trotter and Houghton were duly elected.

Election of Officers

Mr William L. Schaffer was nominated as President and A. W. Harrison as Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr Trotter was on motion, requested to cast the ballot of the Board and announced the nominees duly elected.

Treasurer's Statement

Philadelphia Jan 12-1875

Account Current of Horticultural Hall from Dec 8-1874 to Jan 12-1875

1874	Receipts	
Dec 8	Cash on hand	$307.01
	[illegible]	2.611.86
		$2.918.87

Disbursements.

Cash a/c	Coal Bill	132.85
"	Insurance	104.00
"	Gas Bill	281.32
"	Incidentals	23.05
Bonds a/c	F. L. Sheppard	1420.00
Interest a/c	do	8.50
"	Coupons	28.00
"	Ground Rent	405.00
Expense a/c	Advertising	4.50
"	A. W. Harrison	100.00
Balance		7.85 $2,516.37

Respectfully Submitted
A. W. Harrison
Treasurer

On motion accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the National Commemorative Monument Association reported that an agreement and lease of the Hall and Rooms had been duly executed in accordance with the terms of the Resolution passed at the special meeting held Jan 13-1873.

They also reported the thanks of the Society of the Monument Association for the [illegible] the Rooms.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison Secretary.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
February 2nd 1875
Present Messrs Schaffer, Wright, Baker,
Trotter & Hayes.
The minutes of the last Meeting were read
& approved.
The President announced the Standing
Committees for the year as follows:

Executive	Finance
Mitchell	Mitchell
Ritchie	Trotter
Hayes	Hayes
Wright	Baker
Houghton	Duhring

On motion adjourned
J. W. Harris
Secretary

The Board met on Tuesday evening
March 2nd 1875.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes,
Butterworth, Baker, Duhring, Wright.
The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved.
The Finance Report was presented &
laid over on motion referred to the
Finance Committee;

Philada. March 9 - 1875

To the President & Directors
of Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen,

Your Treasurer herewith presents his account current of the Hall from Jan. 12th to March 8 1875.

Receipts

Balance on hand Jan 12 - 1875	$ 9.83
T. A. Andrews - Rent	4.065.73
Am. Lit. Bureau "	100.00
Pennsylvania 2nd. 13. Regt.	700.00
	$4.875.56

Payments

Interest a/c coupons paid	98.	
Rent a/c sundry bills	439.80	
Loan a/c. W. L. Schaffer	400.00	
Building a/c. M. B. [illegible]	[illegible]	
Balance to new a/c	2.937.78	4.875.56

Balance March 8 1875 $2.937.78

Respectfully submitted
J. H. Harrison
Treasurer

On motion of Mr Baker the matter of putting an inside skylight and flagging at the South door of the Hall was referred to the Executive Committee with

house be not provided that the two flights shall not cost over Two hundred & Fifty Dollars.

On motion of Mr. Satterthwait the Executive Committee were authorised to contract for the pavement in front of the Hall, to be laid complete of Cleveland stone as per sample exhibited at a cost of One Thousand Dollars payable in bonds of the Hall.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secretary.

The Board met on Tuesday evening April 13-1875.

Present Messrs Schaeffer, Satterthwait and Hayes.

For want of a quorum adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secretary

The Board met on Tuesday evening May 11th 1875

Present Messrs Schaeffer, Mitchell, Wright and Tucker

Proposals for plastering the exterior of the Hall were received from Mr. Gordon and Mr.

Tuscoe and, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee and that they be requested to procure estimates from other parties and report at the next meeting.
A proposition from Messrs Schmoele for the use of their Electric Organ at the coming Spring Exhibition was referred to the Penna. Horticultural Society for action at their meeting on Tuesday next.
On motion of Mr Trotter the salary of the Secretary and Treasurer was fixed at Five Hundred Dollars per annum in accordance with an agreement made by the Committee last year.
The Secretary was instructed to obtain the approval of the transactions of this meeting by one of the Directors not present.
On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secretary

Mr Ritchie having examined the transactions of the above meeting found them correct and approved them.

A. W. Harrison
Secretary.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
June 8-1875.—
Present W. L. Schaffer.
For want of quorum adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
July 12-1875
Present Messrs Mitchell & Duhring
For want of quorum adjourned
A. W. Harrison.
Secy.

For want of quorum no meeting was
held August 10-1875

The Board met on Tuesday evening
Sept 14-1875.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Mitchell
Duhring, Ritchie.—
The following Reports were presented;
Philadelphia July 27-1875
To W. L. Schaffer Esq
Prest of Hort. Hall
Dear Sir
The Executive Com
[illegible] to report, that in pursuance

of a Resolution of the Board they contracted for building 2 flights of steps on South side of Hall with B. Ridgway including all materials except bricks for $170.00

for repairs of pavement on South & South sides of Hall 40.50

for re-setting lamp posts 10.00

for re-setting granite steps in front of Hall 4.00

$224.50

for contract with G. Krouse for galvanized Iron railing on 2 flights of steps 60.00

$284.50

and recommend that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the above.

Respectfully submitted by

J. E. Mitchell

Richard Knight

Chs. P. Hayes

On motion adopted

Phila. July 29-1873

Wm. L. Schaffer Esq.

Pres. of Bord. Hall.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with a Resolution of the Board of Directors authorising J. E. Mitchell to have a sidewalk

laid with sawed flagstones in front of Hall at a cost of One Thousand Dollars payable in bonds, - we hereby certify that the sidewalk has been laid with a beautiful flag stone and that the work has been executed in a satisfactory manner in June last and we recommend that the Treasurer is hereby authorised to draw a Bond for One Thousand Dollars in full payment thereof. Respectfully submitted by

Richard Wright

Ch. P. Hayes.

Mem. Hauling 13 loads rubbish @ $.75 = 9.75
Or by 1500 old bricks say 9.75

On motion the Report was adopted and the Treasurer instructed to draw the bond as therein stated.

Phila July 31-1875

W. L. Schaffer
Prest. Hort. Hall

Dear Sir,

In view of the probable increase in the revenues of the Hall during the coming year we recommend that Mr T. A. Andrews' commission be continued as it now is on a gross revenue of Twenty Thousand Dollars or under, received during the year ending June 1-1876

but on all sums received above Twenty Thousand Dollars gross, Mr Andrews shall receive Ten per cent commission in lieu of Twenty per cent, subject to the same conditions and that the Secretary is directed to indorse these terms, with the consent of Mr Andrews, on his agreement.

Respectfully submitted by
J. E. Mitchell
Richard Wright
Ch. P. Hayes

On motion the Report was referred back to the Committee with power to act.

On motion the Superintendent and Treasurer were authorised to purchase and have put up in the Hall the patent gas cut off offered by Mr Burrows, if they deem it expedient, at a total cost of not over Sixty Dollars.

The Treasurer reported a balance of cash on hand of $617.35/100.

On motion adjourned
A. O. Harrison
Secretary

For want of quorum no meetings were held in the months of October and November 1875.

The Board met on Tuesday evening December 14-1875

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes, Duhring, Satterthwait, & Ritchie & Trotter.

A claim from Mr Godfrey Krause for royalty on a patent gas stop cock paid by him to Mr Matthias Stratton for $14.00 was presented and ordered to be paid.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held January 11th 1876.—

President Schaffer was called to the Chair.

The Treasurer's Report was presented, as follows;

Phila Jan 11-1876

To the Stockholders of
Horticultural Hall

Your Treasurer herewith presents his account current for the year ending December 31-1875

Very Respectfully
A. W. Harrison
Treasurer

(opp. page)

Receipts.

1875		
Jan 12 -	Balance on hand	$9.85
Dec 3,	Rents of Hall	$12.565.09
	Bonds sold	1.700.00
	Interest a/c	20.00
	Loan a/c	1.200.00
		$15.494.94

Payments.

1875			
Dec 3,	Rent A/c. Taxes	$2.023.15	
	Gas	1.424.16	
	Coal	966.00	
	Insurance	600.00	
	Sundries	757.91	5.171.22
Interest Account			6.718.00
Building Account			2.387.91
Loan repaid			700.00
Expense Account			503.00
Balance			14.81
			15.494.94

1876 January 8th. - We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Horticultural Hall to the 1st inst with vouchers and find them to agree and balance, as stated, of $14 81/100 Dollars.

E. Satterthwait } Committee on
Chas. P. Hayes } Finance

On motion the Report was approved.

The President then made a statement of the receipts & expenses for 1874 & 1875, showing

that the business of the Hall for the last year had been equal to that of the previous year.

The meeting then proceeded to an election for Directors.

Messrs Buist & Hayes were appointed Tellers and announced that the following persons had been unanimously elected having received 751 votes each.

William L. Schaffer, James E. Mitchell
James Ritchie, Charles P. Hayes,
Richard Wright, Edwin Satterthwait,
Isaac F. Baker, Charles W. Trotter,
Casper H. Duhring, George W. Earl.

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison Sec'y

The Board met after the adjournment of the Stockholders Meeting, Tuesday Jan'y 11th
Mr Satterthwait was called to the Chair and Mr. Hayes appointed Secretary.
Mr W.L. Schaffer was nominated for President and A.W. Harrison for Secretary & Treasurer
Messrs Duhring & Ritchie were appointed Tellers
The vote being cast the judges report the above named as unanimously elected.

On motion adjourned

C.P. Hayes

The Report of the Superintendent of the Hall, received too late for the meeting, is as follows;

Philadelphia Jan 1st 1876

To the President & Directors of
Horticultural Hall.

Gentlemen

The following is the Report of engagements of Horticultural Hall for the year ending Dec 31st 1875

Church	$ 700.00
7 Concerts	462.00
3 Fairs	4.790.50
15 Balls	4.417.45
11 Lectures	1.025.00
5 Festivals	1.578.25
1 Anniversary	15.00
1 Banquet	60.00
2 Flag Presentations	225.00
6 Exhibitions	400.00
19 Meetings	1.590.00
5 Commencements	255.00
	$ 15.518.20

Hall used 125 times

Respectfully
Thos. F. Andrews
Supt of Hort. Hall

A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday Feb 2-1876.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell & Earl.

The President announced the death of Mr Richard Wright, and made some feeling remarks appropriate to the occasion, whereon it was

Resolved that in the death of Richard Wright the community at large has lost a good citizen, the Horticultural Society a faithful friend and adviser and the afflicted family an affectionate and devoted husband and father.

Resolved that we hereby tender to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this time of their sore trial

On motion adjourned to attend the funeral of our late fellow member.

A.W. Harrison
Secretary.

The Board met on Tuesday Feb 8-1876.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Baker, Hayes, Earl.

The President announced the Committees viz: Executive - Mitchell, Ritchie, Hayes, Earl. Finance, Satterthwaite, Trotter, Hayes, Baker, Duhring.

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
March 14-1876.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Aldrich
Earl, Hayes, Trotter, Duhring.
The Treasurer presented a bill of Field &
Hardie for hardware amounting, with interest
to $1644.44. which on motion was referred
to the Treasurer with power to pay it if
found correct.
The Executive Committee reported the result
of its deliberations on the subject of letting
the front basement for a restaurant, and
after a full discussion Mr Hayes made
a Motion that the Executive Committee
be empowered to let the front basement to
Mr Wildey for $1.500 per annum on the
conditions and with the restrictions named
and provided that if any additional insu-
rance on the building be caused by such
occupancy said insurance shall be paid
by the lessee. The motion was declared lost
by the casting vote of the President.
The Treasurer presented the following
statement which was on motion accepted.

Receipts

1875		1876	
Jan 1 to Apl 1 =	$6.580	Jan 1 to Apl 1 =	$4.500
Apl 1 to Aug 1 =	3.790	Engagements to Aug 1 =	6.500
Aug 1 to Dec 31 =	2.380		

Cash on hand

1875 Mar 15 = 3.200 1876 Mar 15 = $1.000

Bills & coupons due

1875 Mar 15. — 1.550 1876 Mar 15 = .850

Surplus

1875 Mar 15 1.650 1876 Mar 15 = 200

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison

Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday April 12th 1875.

Present Meyer Schaffer, Mitchell, Duhring, Ritchie and Earl.

The minutes of last meeting read & approved.

Mr Henry D. Welsh was elected a Director to serve for the unexpired term of the late Mr Richard Wright.

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison

Secretary.

The Board met on Tuesday evening May 9 - 1876.

Present Meyer Schaffer, Sattlethwait, Duhring Earl, Trotter, Hayes.

A communication was received from John Welde asking for a lease of [illegible]

basement of the Hall for a drinking saloon.

On motion of Mr Dubring the application of Mr Welde was unanimously declined.

On motion adjourned
A. O. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Oct 16 - 1876.
Present. Messrs Baker, Hayes, Earl, Dubring and Welsh.
Mr Baker was called to the chair.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Secretary made a verbal statement of the condition and prospects of the Hall for the present season.
On motion adjourned
A. O. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board held no meeting, for want of a quorum, on Tuesday Nov 14th. 1876.

The Board met on Tuesday Dec 12-1871
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Mitchell
Earl, Hayes Dunning.
The subject of the improvements required to render the Hall more safe in case of fire and of the changes required by the Building Inspector was fully discussed whereon it was
Resolved that the Executive Committee be instructed to remove the gas meter to a safer position and to remove the wood work from around the heat registers. Also
Resolved that the Executive Committee report to the Board the cost of removing the plate glass opening at the head of the landing place of the main stairway to the Hall and of replacing it with suitable steps and doorway.
Resolved that the Superintendent in letting the Hall to any parties proposing to give an entertainment in aid of the sufferers by the burning of the Brooklyn Theatre shall be authorised to contribute the amount of the rent of the Hall for that object provided that the services of all persons engaged in such entertainments shall be rendered gratuitously.
On motion adjourned
A. O. Harrison
Sec

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders was held January 9th 1877.

President Schaffer was called to the chair.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented as follows;

Philada Jan 9 - 1877

To the Stockholders
of Horticultural Hall

Your Treasurer herewith presents his Second Account for the year ending December 31st 1876.

Very Respectfully
A. M. Harrison
Treasurer.

1876	Receipts	$	¢
Jan 1	Balance		14.81
Dec 31	Rents of Hall	13,119.33	
	Loan Account	1,800.00	
	Chairs, &c	3.60	
		$14,937.74	

1876	Payments		
Dec 31	Rent &c. Taxes	$2,193.05	
	Gas	1,105.11	
	Coal	238.56	
	Insurance	460.43	
	Sundries	1,040.92	5,032.96

Carried over

1876	Brought over	$ 5.032.96
Dec 31	Interest a/c	8.141.60
	Building a/c	244.46
	Loan a/c	1.216.20
	Expense a/c	515.35
	Balance	287.37
		$ 15.437.94
1877		
Jan 1	Balance	$ 287.37

I have examined the account of the Treasurer of Horticultural Hall to the 1st Inst. with vouchers and find it correct and balance as stated $287.37.

Chas. P. Hayes

Chairman of Finance Committee

On motion the Report was accepted & approved. The Report of the Superintendent was then read as follows:

Phila Jan 1st 1877

To the President and Director of Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen

The following is the Report of engagements of Hort. Hall for the year ending Dec 31-1876

Church	$ 700.00
13 Concert	1218.66
2 Fairs	850.00

16 Balls	$ 4.4[illegible].70
3 Lectures	250.00
10 Meetings	1.1[illegible]5.00
5 Commencements	250.00
2 Receptions	1.030.49
3 Anniversaries	220.00
1 Exhibition (parlor)	20.00
15 Minstrel Concerts	1.150.00
5 Conventions	905.00
1 Billiard Tournament	1.828.38
1 Author's Carnival	937.00
2 Dramatic Cos	1.250.00
1 May Parties	50.00
	$ 16.332.23

Hall used
19 times

Respectfully
Thos. F. Andrews
Supt Hart. Hall

Mr Andrews also presented the following statements;

Due Hon. C. Hall for Rents 1876

Callenders Minstrels (note given)	$ 2.204.34
John E. Addicks (in suit)	800.00
Mrs Willemeyer	250.00
Old Guard of New York (in suit)	1.300.00
	3.744.34

Business booked to May 1-1877

Festival	10.00
Meeting	10.00
Festival	100.00

Hall	200.00
do	250.00
Fair	700.00
do	900.00
Meeting	50.00
Hall	200.00
	2.420.00

A recess of 10 minutes was then ordered for the purpose of electing Directors for the year 1877.

Messrs Mitchell and Earl were appointed Tellers, who reported as follows:

Board Hall Jan 9-1877

The Tellers report the following gentlemen unanimously elected Directors of Board Hall to serve for one year each having received seven hundred & forty two votes.

Wm L. Schaffer	E. Satterthwait
J. E. Mitchell	Geo. W. Earl
Jas. Ritchie	C. V. Dudeing
Chas. P. Hayes	G. W. Trotter
Isaac F. Baker	H. D. Welsh

Respectfully submitted by

J. E. Mitchell
Chas. P. Hayes } Tellers

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Jan 25-1877
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Earl and
Satterthwait. For want of quorum adjourned.

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For want of quorum no meeting was held on
Tuesday Feb 13-1877.

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A Special Meeting was held on Tuesday
evening Feb 20th 1877.
Mr Mitchell was called to the chair and
A.W. Harrison Secretary.
Mr W.L. Schaffer was nominated for the
office of President and A.W. Harrison as
Secretary and Treasurer.
Messrs Duhring & Hayes were appointed
Tellers who reported the nominees duly
elected.
The President elect announced the committees
for the year 1877.

Finance	Executive
E. Satterthwaite	Mitchell
C. W. Trotter	Ritchie
C. P. Hayes	Hayes
? Baker	Earl
C. H. Duhring	Welsh

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison
Sec'y.

A Special Meeting was held on Monday March 5th 1877 pursuant to a call by the President.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes, Earl, Dubring, Satterthwait.

The following communication was read;

Feb 26-1877

Mr Mitchell

Dear Sir

The ladies of my Committee have requested me to say to you that we have a set of steps and some half circular tables which we have use for our various entertainments in Horticultural Hall and which we should now like to dispose of.

Thinking perhaps your Society would like to make an offer for them the Ladies desire me to say that they will be glad to hear from you on the subject

I feel it my duty also to report the dissatisfaction given to the ladies by the conduct of Mr Clair the ticket receiver and also the short man in care of the Hall. The former is short in his account of tickets and tells us he burnt them. I hear from good authority he has agents selling them on the street.

The other man was terribly intoxicated and

things left in his care were stolen.
The ladies think you ought to know the above.

Very Truly Yours
E. D. Gillespie

On motion the matter of the steps and ladies was referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.
Mr Satterthwait reported some cases of dissatisfaction on the part of ladies engaged in a fair lately held in the Hall.
Mr Andrews, the Superintendent, being invited to be present, appeared before the Board and made a statement on the subject of the charges referred to. It was Resolved that Mr Andrews be requested to discharge the man complained of on the first occasion of his being intoxicated.
On motion the subject of the complaint against Mr Clark was referred to the Executive Committee to gather the facts and report at a special meeting to be called for the purpose.
On motion adjourned to meet on Monday evening March 12th at 8 o'clock.

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

An adjourned Special Meeting was held on Monday evening March 12th 1877
Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Mitchell, Earl & Duhring.
The following Report was presented;
Phila Mar 10/77
W. L. Schaffer Esq
Pres't of Hort. Hall
Dear Sir,
In reply to a letter from Mrs Gillespie we beg leave to state
1st It appears to have been the custom for the Ladies connected with the Centennial Commission to employ Mr Clark as ticket taker and to place in his hands tickets to sell without taking any receipt from him and without requiring him to place the tickets taken at the door in the locked boxes prepared for this purpose
2nd At the party on the evening of the 22nd of February a boy handed Mr Clark a package said to contain 100 tickets from Mrs Gillespie for sale; this package he returned to Mrs Gillespie in person.
3rd Other ladies gave him tickets to sell without counting them for which he returned $13.00 in cash
4th Mr Rand gave him 25 tickets of which

By [illegible] 2 were paid $2. — 2
Sent to Bulletin office by our direction 15 } 25.
Returned Mr Hand 8

5th Ladies gave tickets to Harry to sell and Mr Clark says he saw several men selling tickets on the sidewalk at Broad & Locust and at the door of the Academy on the evening of the 22nd of February.

6th Mr Clark states positively that he returned all the money for all the tickets he sold but that he took no especial care of the balance nor of those taken at the door; some of them were left at a house he was visiting and some of them were burned.

From the above statement it appears that some of the renters of the Hall have managed their ticket business in a very careless manner. We therefore recommend

1st That the Superintendent shall not recommend any Ticket Seller nor Doorkeeper to parties renting the Hall.

2nd Renters shall be informed by printed notices on their leases.

1st That Ticket Office and keys will be furnished, without extra charge, for the sale of tickets.

2nd We recommend that Doorkeepers should

not be permitted to sell tickets at the door. nor should any person be allowed to offer them for sale in the vestibule or in front of the Hall and that Doorkeepers should be required to drop tickets in the locked boxes as soon as taken, the keys to be kept by the Renter.

Respectfully submitted by
J. E. Mitchell
Ch. P. Hayes
Geo. W. Earl
} Executive Committee

On motion the Report was adopted.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y

The Board met on Tuesday evening April 10th 1877. Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Earl & Duhring.

For want of a quorum adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

A Special was held on Friday evening May 4th 1877.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes Earl, Ritchie & Miller.

The following communication was read;

Philadelphia May 4/77

To the Directors of
Horticultural Hall

Your Treasurer herewith presents a statement of the financial condition of the Hall.

Coupons	No	Overdue	No	Due 1st Inst
Bonds of $1.000.	24	$ 960.	30	$1.200
" " 500.	16	320	31	620
" " 100.	71	284	71	284
		$1.564		$2.104
				1.564

Total coupons due	$3.668
First mortgage due 27th Inst.	1.800
Total Interest	$5.468
Current Bills, say	175
	5.643
The taxes for the year unpaid say	2.150
	$7.793

Cash in hand $65.

J. W. Harrison
Secy.

Mr Andrews, the Superintendent, being called upon, made a statement of the amount due for arrears on engagements of the Hall which reached the sum of about $[illegible] less commissions and law expenses. A portion of the amount is in suit and one

judgment has been obtained on one claim of about $1.300. He confidently expects that a large portion of all the dues will be collected.
After a full discussion it was
Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to appropriate the first funds coming into the Treasury, to the payment of the interest upon the first mortgage coming due the 27th Inst.
It was further
Resolved that the President be authorized to compromise, at his discretion any outstanding claims against parties in arrears for leases of the Hall.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

For want of a quorum no meeting was held in the months of May, June, July August, September, October & November 1877

The Board met on Tuesday evening December 11th 1877.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes Earl, Welsh, Ritchie, Baker & Trotter.
On motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay to Mr Andrews the sum of $15.00 being the amount paid by him over & above

the subscriptions received for staining the windows of the Hall.

On motion the Superintendent was authorised to make a reduction of $50 in the rent of the Foyer for the Church for the coming year.

The Treasurer presented the following statement of the liabilities of the Hall

Bills due about	$330.
Insurance due	350.
Taxes say	2.200
Coupons on 2nd Mortgage	5.832
Interest, 1st Mortgage	.900
Money borrowed	1.250
Academy - Ground Rent	.405
Total	$11.267.
Cash in Bank, & drawer	$145.00

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secretary

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall was held at the Hall on Tuesday evening Jany 8th 1878. Mr William L. Schaffer was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved

The Treasurer presented his Report as follows;

Philadelphia Jan 8-18

To the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall.

Your Treasurer herewith presents his Account Current for the year 1877.

Receipts.

1877		
Jan 1	Balance	$287.37
	Rents of Hall	6.692.66
	Loan Account	1.550.00
		$8.530.03

Payments

Rent Account,	Gas	$541.74	
"	" Coal	163.75	
"	" Insurance	350.00	
"	" Sundries	812.31	
Interest	"	3.966.02	
Loan		2.175.00	
Expense		502.34	
Balance to [illegible]		20.87	$8.530.03

[illegible] Harrison
Treasurer

I certify that I have examined the Treasurers Account with the vouchers to date and find it to agree with above report

Chas P. Hayes

On motion the report was approved.

The Report of the Superintendent was read, as follows:

Philadelphia Jan 1st 1878

To the President and Directors
of Horticultural Hall
Gentlemen

The following is the Report of Engagements for the year ending Dec 31-1877.

	$ ¢
Church	700.00
8 Concerts	175.00
6 Balls	1.537.00
14 Meetings	1.191.00
3 Exhibitions	1.225.00
3 Festivals	370.50
3 Fairs	1.850.00
1 Lecture	100.00
1 Commencement	50.00
3 Feats of Walking	545.00
1 Supper	281.50
2 May Party	24.25
	8.155.25

Hall used
77 times

Respectfully
Thos. A. Andrews
Supt. Hort. Hall

On motion approved and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

A recess of ten minutes was then ordered for the purpose of electing Directors for the year 1878.

Messrs Ritchie and Earl were appointed Tellers who reported as follows;

For Directors

William L. Schaffer	James E. Mitchel
Isaac F. Baker	Henry D. Welsh
James Ritchie	Charles W. Trotter
Charles P. Hayes	Casper H. Duhring
Edwin Satterthwait	George W. Earle

Unanimously elected by the following vote

James Ritchie	15	Chas. P. Hayes	15
Willm L. Schaffer	281	Pa. Hort. Socy	41[illegible]
Geo. W. Earle	13	Total	737

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secretary

The Board met on Tuesday evening
January 22nd 1878.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Earl,
Welsh Ritchie Hayes.
Mr Mitchell was called to the chair
and A.W. Harrison appointed Secretary

Nominations for Officers.

Mr William L. Schaffer was nominated
as President and Apollos W. Harrison as
Secretary and Treasurer.
Mr Ritchie was appointed Judge, Mr
Earl as Teller and Mr Hayes to cast the
ballot.
The nominees were declared duly elected.
The President then took the chair, the
minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved and on motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison Secretary

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The Board met on Tuesday evening
February 12th 1878.
Present Messrs Mitchell Schaffer, Hayes
& Earl.—
The President announced the committees for

Finance	Executive
Hayes, Satterthwait	Mitchell, Ritchie
Trotter, Baker	Hayes, Earl
Duhring	Welsh

On motion adjourned A.W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
March 12th 1878.
Present Messrs Schaffer & Satterthwait
For want of quorum adjourned.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
April 16th 1878.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Hayes,
Ritchie & Earl.
The Tax bill for 1877 was presented
amounting to $2.543,55.—
On motion adjourned
A.W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday May 13-1878
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Earl
Hayes, Duhring.—No business transacted
On motion adjourned
A.W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday Oct 8-1878
Present Messrs Mitchell, Ritchie, Hayes, Earl
Duhring, Satterthwait. No business done
On motion adjourned
A.W. Harrison
Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Nov 12 - 1878.
Present Messrs Ritchie, Earl, Satterthwait Hayes. For want of quorum adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Dec 10 - 1878.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Earl Duhring. —
The President presented a notice of distraint upon the furniture and moveables of the Hall, the library and furniture of the Society for unpaid taxes interest & charges for 1877 by the Collector of delinquent taxes. $2.683.80

Also a statement of claim against Republican Executive Committee for unpaid rent for Sept & Oct 1878 amounting to $1.030.24

The Secretary presented a statement of the present liabilities of the Hall:

Taxes 1877 about	$2.685.00
" 1878 "	2.350.00
Interest 1st Mortgage Nov 27	1.800.00
Water Rent 1878 about	125.00
Ground Rent, Academy Jan 1 1879	400.00
Insurance, A. T. Jenks	250.00
Coal, Bines & Sheaff	142.43
Sundry Bills	103.70
Loans, James Ritchie	250.00
" W. L. Schaffer	500.00

Loan, Pa. Hort. Society	425.00
Coupons. 2nd Mortgage	10.968.00
Total	$20.004.20

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison
Secy

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall was held on Tuesday evening January 14th 1879 The President, W. L. Schaffer in the chair and A.W. Harrison, Secretary. The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his Report as follows;

Philadelphia Jan 1-1879

To the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall

Therewith present the Account Current of the Hall for the past year.

Very Respectfully
A.W. Harrison
Treasurer

1878 Receipts.

Jan 1.	(Balance)	20.[illegible]
Mar 1	Loan a/c. W. L. Schaffer	100.00
Dec 31	Rent of Hall	5175.20
		5.296.[illegible]

Payments.

Rent A/c.	Gas	399.65
" "	Coal	58.00
" "	Insurance	650.00
" "	Sundries	361.98 = 1,669.63
Ground Rent		405.00
Interest on Mortgage		2200.00
Expense A/c		500.50
Balance to new a/c		520.94
		$5,296.07

On motion referred to the Finance Committee of the incoming Board.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Hall was read, as follows:

Philadelphia Jan 1 - 1879

To the President & Directors of Asst. Hall;

Gentlemen

The following is a report of engagements of Hall ending Dec 31 - 1878.

Church	$ 650.00
8 Balls	2.179.81
2 Fairs	1.405.00
4 Meetings	410.00
1 Meeting	500.00
2 Festivals	290.00
2 Lectures	200.75
3 Concerts	207.45

4 Lectures	355.00
10 Readings	120.00
2 Commencements	100.00
1 Anniversary	15.00
	$ 2.725.98

Hall used 57 times
Church 32 "
" 19 "

Respectfully
Thos. J. Andrews
Supt. Nat. Hall.

On motion referred to the Finance Committee of the incoming Board.

On motion a recess was taken for the purpose of electing Directors for the coming year Messrs Earl and Polin were appointed Tellers and reported the following persons as elected to serve as Directors for 1879.

William J. Schaffer	F. E. Mitchell
Isaac T. Baker	Henry D. Welsh
James Ritchie	Charles H. Trotter
Charles S. Hayes	Esther A. Dubois
Edwin Satterthwait	George H. Earl

Unanimously elected by the following vote.
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society 413
W. J. Schaffer 281. F. E. Mitchell 330.
C. S. Hayes 15. J. Ritchie 13. G. H. Earle 3.
H. A. Polin 10 - Total 417 votes. The Secretary read a statement of the liabilities presented at the Directors Meeting Dec. 10th Adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

After the adjournment the Directors met and elected W. L. Schaffer President and Treasurer and A. W. Harrison Secretary for 1879

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec'y

A Special Meeting was held on Monday evening February 3-1879

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell Welsh, Satterthwait & Earl.

On motion the proposition of Mr Grant Feltner to lay down an asphaltum floor in the Hall for Roller Skating was approved and the matter of the contract therefor was referred to the President and Secretary with power to act.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison

Secretary

The Board met on Tuesday evening March 11-1879.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Hayes, Satterthwait Earl. The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's report presented at the Stockholders' Meeting and found the same correct. On motion their

Report was approved.

The President and Secretary reported the following contract for an Asphaltum floor for the Hall.—

This Agreement, made this sixth day of February 1879 between Thomas J. Andrews Superintendent of Horticultural Hall of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania of the first part and Frank Fetner of the said City of the second part, witnesseth; The said party of the first part agrees to furnish for the purpose of Roller Skating Entertainments the use of the Main Saloon and the Ladies & Gentlemens Dressing Rooms of said Hall and to light and heat the same and supply a doorkeeper therefor in consideration of one half of the gross receipts derived from the said entertainments for the charge for admission less rental of the skates or from any other source whatsoever for the following periods namely; from the date hereof until the first day of June next and from the first day of October next until the first day of June 1880 and from the first day of October 1880 until the first day of June 1881, provided nevertheless that if at any time between the first day of October next and the first day

of June 1880 the said gross receipts shall not during any period of thirty consecutive days amount to an average sum of Fifty Dollars per day, or if at any time between the first day of October 1881 and the first day of June 1881, the said gross receipts shall not during any period of thirty consecutive days amount to an average sum of One Hundred Dollars per day then and thereupon, at the option of the said party of the first part this agreement shall absolutely cease and determine.

The said party of the second part hereby agrees to lay down and to keep in good order and repair at his own charge and cost over the entire floor of the Main Tent a floor suitable for the purpose of Roller Skating of the best quality to be approved by the party of the first part. And he further agrees to furnish all Printing, Advertising, Music, Skates, Tickets and all other things necessary pertaining to the carrying on of said Roller Skating Entertainments at his own cost and charge. He further agrees that at the termination of this Agreement the said Skating Floor shall become the property of the party of the

first part.

It is further mutually agreed that a settlement of account and a payment to the party of the first part of the half of the gross receipts of each day shall be made at ten o'clock on the morning of each succeeding secular day. It is further agreed that the said half of the gross receipts shall be held and considered as compensation for the rent of the Hall and nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to constitute any partnership between the parties hereto. The Director and Officers of the Hall shall at all times have free admission and access to all parts of the Hall.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first written in said Bills of Plaintiff this in presence of the witnesses undersigned

Thos. A. Andrews (Seal)
Superintendent of Horticultural Hall
Frank Feltner (Seal)

Witnesses
A. W. Harrison
J. N. Fulton

On motion the contract was approved

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Sec't.

April 1879.

The Board met on Tuesday evening 8th
Present Messrs Schaffer, Pilcher, Earl,
Mitchell, Welsh & Duhring.

On motion the question of attaching a
gas regulator to the gas pipes of the
Hall was referred to Mr Duhring and
Mr Andrews with power to act.

On motion adjourned

A.M. Harrison Sec'y.

The Board met on Tuesday evening
May 13th 1879.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Earl,
Duhring, Satterthwait & Hayes.
The Secretary being absent on motion.
Mr Hayes was appointed to act pro tem.
On motion the reading of the Minutes of
the last meeting was dispensed with.
Mr Duhring made a verbal report on the
experimental trial of J. W. Carter's Gas
Regulator, showing a considerable saving in
the two nights while in use during the
Carnival and submitted a proposition from
Mr Carter to sell to the Hall the fixtures
for the same. After the subject was discussed
Mr Mitchell offered a Resolution which
was adopted "That it is inexpedient to
purchase the Gas Regulator at the present time".

The President informed the Board that the Taxes of 1877 had been settled and paid by his loaning the Treasurer part of the amount required, but that the taxes of 1878 were still unpaid and that notice had been served on the Company by the Delinquent Tax Collector that they must be paid within thirty days or if not the personal property on the premises would be sold for the same. The Board deemed it important to secure if possible to the President the money advanced by him and on motion it was Resolved

"That a Committee of three, including the Secretary, be appointed to inquire into the terms of the new tax law and that the same Committee be authorized to dispose of the personal property of the Hall to such person or persons as they may deem proper and also to visit the Board of Revision with a view to having a reduction made in the valuation of the property.

The President appointed Messrs Mitchell Duhring & Harrison the Secretary as said Committee.

On motion adjourned

Chas. T. Yaple.

Secy pro tem

A Special Meeting of the Directors of the Hall was held at the office of the Secretary on

On motion the Secretary was directed to inform the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society that the Board are unable to pay the premium of insurance on the Hall.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secy

No meetings of the Board were held in the months of June, July, August, September & October 1879 for want of quorum.

The Board met on Tuesday evening Nov. 11 1879.
Present Messrs Earl, Ritchie & Mitchell.
After discussing the financial condition of the Hall on motion, adjourned to meet at the office of the Secretary No 306 Stock Exchange Place on Thursday Nov 13th at 3 o'clock P.M.

A. W. Harrison
Secy

The Board met pursuant to adjournment at the office of the Secretary on Thursday November 13th 1879 at 3. P. M.

Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell, Ellis and Earl.

The Secretary read a letter from W. J. Kramer, Commander of Post 46 G. A. R. applying for a lease of the Foyer. -

In accordance with the expressed wish of the Directors present and of the President the Secretary had replied declining the application. On motion his action was approved.

The Secretary then read the following letter, stating that it had been given to the Janitor by Mr Andrews, Superintendent of the Hall, in person.

Philada Nov 1-1879

Mr Frank Fetner

In consequence of your failure to comply with the conditions of your agreement for the use of Horticultural Hall for Roller Skating Entertainments you are hereby notified that it is now null and void and that any further occupancy or use of said Hall by you is only by sufferance and during the pleasure of the Directors thereof.

J. M. Harrison Sec't.

The following letters were read

No 712 Walnut St
Philadelphia
Nov 1 - 1879

W. L. Schaffer Esq.
My Dear Sir,

Would it not be advisable to sell the Horticultural Hall at auction by Thomas & Sons rather than by the Sheriff. A better price could probably be obtained if well advertised. The Savings Fund would not of course care to do more than protect their mortgage. It would be a difficult property for them to manage in any event.

If it became necessary the title could be perfected by a subsequent sale under the mortgage.

Yours Very Truly
Henry Wharton

No 712 Walnut St.
Phila Nov 10 - 1879

W. L. Schaffer Esq
My Dear Sir

I saw Mr Taylor of the Sheriffs Office last week in regard to the mortgage of the Horticultural Society

I find from him that owing to the new legislation as to salaries, the Sheriff's poundage or commission for selling has to be paid into the City Treasury, so that no arrangement can now be made such as was once not unusual, for a sale of mortgaged property by a regular auctioneer as an absolute one (which brings the best price) the Sheriff and the Auctioneer then dividing the commission.

This being so unless you are willing to pay Thomas & Sons' commissions either in full, or on abatement which they may make under the circumstances the proposed adjustment of our respective interests must, I fear, fall through.

I still hope however that you can settle your charges with Thomas & Sons on a basis which will be satisfactory.

For instance, if it took $65.000 to protect the Savings Fund the auctioneer might be willing to compromise on two per cent on all above that sum and their expenses of advertising.

I called at the Girard Bank today to see you, but you were out; and the clerk did not know when you would be back.

A time is passing you will [illegible]

excuse this long note

Yours very truly

Isaac Wharton

The Board then presented the following statement of the fixed incumbrances & floating liabilities of the Road.

Fixed Incumbrances.

First Mortgage to Savings Fund		$60.000.
Interest to Nov 2nd 1878		4.500
" paid by ditto		.250
		$64.750
Taxes, costs & sundries 1878 estimate		1.900
" " 1879 "		1.700
Second Mortgage bonds	$54.200	$68.350
Interest to Nov 1-1879	14.484	$68.684
Interest 2 years estimate		270
" to June 1-1880		810
		$138.114

Floating Debt

Borrowed money	$1.925	
Interest on ditto	.225	
Unpaid bills about	.400	2.550
Total		$140.664

J. H. Harrison
Treasurer

A rough draft of a circular for those to be sent to the 2nd mortgage bondholders & stockholders of the Rail road

and discussed but no action was taken upon it.

The Secretary also presented a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Hall on account of current management approximately from the opening in 1867 to January 1st 1879, and was requested to prepare one in full detail for the next meeting.

After a full discussion of the financial condition of the Hall, it was on motion ordered that a meeting of the Bondholders and Stockholders of the Hall be called for Thursday evening Nov 20th at 8 o'clock.—

On motion a committee of three consisting of Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell & Harrison was appointed to confer with the President of the Philadelphia Saving Fund upon the question of securing a reduced rate of interest on their mortgage in case that money can be raised to pay off arrears.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison
Secretary

Stockholders Meeting

A special Meeting of the Stockholders and Bondholders of the Hall, was held in the Directors Room on Thursday evening November 20th 1879.

The President being absent Mr A. C. Mitchell was called to the chair and A.W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The Chairman stated that the object of the meeting was to inform them of the present financial condition of the Hall and if possible to devise some means of extricating it from its embarrassments, and after a few words of explanation of the situation the following report was presented and read.

To the Stockholders and
Second Mortgage Bondholders
of Horticultural Hall

It has become the unpleasant duty of the Directors of the Hall to inform you that the long continued stagnation of business and the impossibility of obtaining money engagements to pay all the expenses of the Hall have resulted in an accumulation of arrears for taxes, interest on 1st & 2nd mortgages, ground rent and other

dues which they are entirely unable to provide for out of current receipts.

The amount invested in the [illegible] is represented in the following statement

Common Stock 2.137 shares	$106.830
First Mortgage	60.000
Second Mortgage	54.200
	$221.030

The following liabilities are now due.

Interest on 1st Mortgage 2 yrs [illegible]	$4.300
Insurance paid by Savings Fund	.350
Ground Rent to July 1-1879	.607.50
Taxes 1878 & penalties estimated	1.800
" 1879 " "	1.400
Borrowed Money	1.925
	$10.382.5

Interest on 2nd mortgage unpaid [illegible]

We have received notice of the purchase of the first mortgage of [illegible] by the Phila Savings Fund and of the intended sale of the property at an early date.

An instalment of 20 per cent on the bonds and an additional payment of $2 per share on the stock would enable the Directors to pay off all the present liabilities and in view of the [illegible] of both the common stock and bonds

mortgage bonds being merged and lost by a forced sale under the first mortgage we respectfully urge upon the stock and bond holders to subscribe a sufficient amount to enable us to retain the Hall for their benefit as well as to preserve the [illegible] of our time honored Horticultural Society which has all its means invested in the Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

Mr Ferdinand J. Dreer then offered the following;

Resolved That the report of the Board of Directors is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Stockholders in connexion with three Directors be appointed a Committee to pay off the floating debt upon the express condition that the Director appropriate the first earnings after paying the necessary expenses of the Hall to pay off the loan thus created.

On motion the resolutions were carried

A statement was presented by the Secretary showing the business of the Hall from its opening to the present year:

Average yearly gross rentals = $12.860.46

average net income = $7.194.60

Adjourned A.W. Harrison Sec.

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall was held at the Hall on Tuesday evening January 13 1880.—

President Schaffer was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer presented his report as follows;

Philadelphia Jan 13 1880

To the Stockholders of
Horticultural Hall

Herewith present the Account Current of the Hall for the past year.

Receipts.

1879.	Jan 3.	Balance	520.9[illegible]
	Feb 8.	Loan a/c W. L. Schaffer	650.00
1880	Jan 2.	Rents for Year	4.083.55
		Total	$5.254.49

Payments

1879	Rent A/c. Gas	$860.71	
	" Coal	217.60	
	" Insurance	300.00	
	" Sundries	319.17	1.697.[illegible]
	Interest on Mortgage		900.[illegible]

Taxes 1877	$1850.24
Expense A/c	504.10
Balance to New A/c	302.67
	$5.254.49
1880 Jan 3. Balance on hand	$302.67

A. W. Harrison
Treasurer.

The Report having been examined and approved by the Finance Committee was on motion adopted.

The Report of the Superintendent was read as follows;

Phila Jan 1-1880

To the President & Directors of Horticultural Hall.

Gentlemen

The following is the report of engagements for the year ending Dec 31st 1879.

Church		$600.00
3 Meetings		200.00
8 Balls		1.936.75
1 Anniversary		10.00
8 Lectures		450.00
103 Times	Roller Skating	870.67
66 "	Bicycle School	155.00
6 "	Carnival of Authors	600.00
22 "	Roller Skating	

1 Dinner	45.00
1 May Party	121.50
	4,988.92

Hall used 220 times
Church 52 "
272

Respectfully
Thos. A. Andrews
Supt Hort. Hall

Accepted & Referred to Finance Committee
The Committee appointed to obtain subscriptions to the fund for paying off the arrears of taxes and interest on the first mortgage reported as follows;

Phila Jan 13 1880

To the Stock & Bondholders
of the Horticultural Hall
Gentlemen

Your Committee appointed to secure subscriptions to pay off the floating indebtedness of the Hall in accordance with a circular sent out to each Bondholder in December last, beg leave to report that the Secretary & Treasurer Mr A.W. Harrison called in person on the principal holders, but failed to get a sufficient number of subscribers to come [illegible] conditions of the subscription that at [illegible]

$10,500 should be secured before the subscription should be binding.

Your Committee regret that they were not able to carry out the objects of their appointment and thereby save the Hall for the use of the Society.

Respectfully Submitted
F. E. Mitchell
Chairman

The Secretary presented a copy of the circular referred to in the Report, viz;

At a Special Meeting of the Stockholders and Bondholders of Horticultural Hall, held on the 20th of November, 1879, the following statement of its affairs was presented by the Directors.

The amount invested in the Hall is as follows:—

Common Stock, 2,137 Shares at $50.00,	$106,850
First Mortgage,	60,000
Second Mortgage Bonds,	54,200
Total,	$221,050

The following liabilities are now due and pressed for payment:—

Interest on First Mortgage to 27th inst,	$4,500.00
Insurance paid by Mortgagee,	250.00
Ground Rent to July 1st, 1879,	607.50
Taxes 1878 and penalty, estimated,	1,800.00
" 1879 " "	1,450.00
Borrowed Money,	1,925.00
Total,	$10,532.50

Notice of foreclosure of the First Mortgage of $60,000, has been received, and of an intended sale of the property at an early day. A loan of 20 per cent. by the Second Mortgage Bondholders and a payment of $2.00 per share by the Stockholders other than Bondholders, will enable the Directors to pay off the pressing liabilities and save the Hall.

The gross rentals of the Hall for the past eleven and a half years, average $12,360 per annum. A gross rental of $8,000 per annum would produce an income sufficient to pay all current expenses, taxes, ground rent and interest on First Mortgage.

A resolution was adopted for the appointment of a committee of three Stockholders, in connection with three Directors, to obtain subscriptions to pay the floating debt, upon the express condition that the Directors shall appropriate the first earnings of the Hall, after paying the expenses above stated, to pay off the loan thus created.

The Secretary will call in a few days for your reply.

The following communication was read.

No 712 Walnut St
Philadelphia
Jan 12-1880

Phila. Saving Fund
vs. Horticultural Society
W. L. Schaffer Esq
My Dear Sir

Nothing further having been heard from yourself or Mr Harrison in this matter, I am instructed by Mr Cohen to proceed with the sale under the judgment in this case. If this cannot be avoided it would be well to have a sale made under the ground rent of the adjoining 15 feet.

Yours very Truly
Henry Wharton

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors for the year 1880.

Mr Earl as Teller reported as elected
W. L. Schaffer, J. E. Mitchell, Jas. [illegible]
J. T. Baker, W. L. [illegible], C. H. [illegible]
C. P. [illegible], E. Satterthwaite, C. H. [illegible]
A. W. Earl. Elected by the following vote.
[illegible] 4413. W. L. Schaffer 2[illegible]
J. E. Mitchell 30. A. W. Earl 13.
The Secretary presented [illegible]
On motion adjourned

[illegible] Sec'y.

Horticultural

Rent Account

Year	Gross Rentals $ ¢	Commissions $ ¢	Net Rentals $ ¢	Gas $ ¢
6 mos 1867	9.064.57	2.854.89	6.209.68	646.1[illegible]
1868	11.871.36	2.912.02	8.959.34	1.033.2[illegible]
1869	11.249.11	2.400.00	8.849.11	1.411.[illegible]
1870	9.532.83	2.208.21	7.324.62	933.4[illegible]
1871	11.898.25	2.730.81	9.167.44	1.036.4[illegible]
1872	9.379.90	2.519.97	6.859.93	953.[illegible]
1873	15.328.63	3.832.16	11.496.47	1.259.7[illegible]
1874	16.908.25	3.778.54	13.129.71	973.[illegible]
1875	15.729.77	2.731.63	12.998.14	1.705.6[illegible]
1876	16.373.11	3.000.08	13.373.03	1.100.1[illegible]
1877	8.230.25	1.484.66	6.745.59	650.75
1878	6.579.25	1.146.12	5.433.13	570.4[illegible]
1879	5.036.39	863.93	4.172.46	780.9[illegible]
Total 12½ yrs	147.181.67	32.463.02	114.718.65	13.051.7[illegible]
Average $	11.774.54	2.597.04	9.177.50	1.044.14

Out of Net Income are payable Interest on 1st [illegible]

Ground [illegible]

Hall.

Income Account.

Coal $. ¢	Insurance $. ¢	Sundries $. ¢	Total Expenses $ ¢	Net Income $ ¢
200.00	60.00	140.90	1.044.06	5.165.62
484.60	450.00	344.43	2.312.30	6.647.04
300.00	450.00	239.69	2.400.91	6.448.20
250.00	470.98	489.63	2.144.08	5.180.54
633.00	468.45	243.85	2.431.71	6.735.73
284.50	547.21	471.56	2.256.48	4.603.45
608.00	882.50	250.68	3.000.97	8.495.50
322.00	696.50	849.49	3.071.35	10.058.36
306.00	600.00	1.261.26	3.932.94	9.065.20
278.50	460.43	1.471.10	3.810.15	10.062.88
163.75	500.00	767.53	2.082.03	4.663.56
58.00	500.00	747.83	1.876.23	3.556.88
217.60	300.00	1.060.78	2.359.31	1.813.15
4.445.95	6.386.07	8.338.73	32.222.54	82.496.11
355.67	510.89	667.10	2.577.80	86.599.70

Mortgage @

Rent

Taxes

Hall
Income Account
1867 to 1880

The Board met on Tuesday even
February 10-1880
Present Messrs Schaffer, Mitchell,
Earl, Ritchie & Lubin.

Election of Officers

William L. Schaffer was elected
President, and A.W. Harrison Secretary
& Treasurer for the coming year

The President announced that
as the committee appointed to procure
subscriptions for paying off the arrears
of interest, taxes &c, upon the Hall was
relieved that after making every effort
they had failed to accomplish the object
the Hall had been sold under foreclosure
of the first mortgage at Sheriff's sale on
Monday February 2nd and had been
purchased by himself for $75.300.

On motion the Committee were instruc
ted to report in writing at the next meeti

On motion adjourned

A.W. Harrison
Sec. Sec'y.

No quorum being present no meetings
were held in March and April 1880.

The Board met at St. George's Hotel Broad & Walnut Street, on Tuesday evening December 20th 1881.
Present Messrs Schaffer, Ritchie, Earle & Fraser.
On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.
The following Resolution was unanimously adopted;
Resolved that William L. Schaffer President be, and is hereby authorized to receive the amount of judgment, interest and costs in the case of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society versus William H. Webster in the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York and to enter satisfaction of record upon said judgment.
On motion adjourned
A.W. Harrison
Secretary
Messrs Mitchell, Trotter and Wolsh, who were unable to attend the meeting above recorded, were called upon in person by the undersigned and severally accepted and approved the above Resolution
A.W. Harrison
Dec 21-1881. Sec. pro tem.

Annual Meeting

In pursuance of the supplement to the Act incorporating the Penn'a Horticultural Society approved April 11th 1866 and by due notice to the stockholders of the Horticultural Hall the first Annual Meeting was held at the Horticultural Society's Room S.W. Corner Walnut & Broad Streets on Tuesday evening January 8th 1867.

Robert Buist Esqr was called to the Chair and C. P. Hayes appointed Secretary.

The the object of the meeting had been stated by the Chairman the following report of the Directors was submitted by the President W. L. Schaffer Esqr.

Philada Jan 8 - 1867

The Directors of Horticultural Hall beg leave to submit the following Report of their proceedings to the Stockholders.

They have purchased a very desirable lot on the East side of Broad Street adjoining the Academy of Music on the South, 75 feet on

Broad Street, running West 200 feet and having Westmoreland Street on the South. This lot cost, with arrears of ground rent &c about $35.000 upon which about $3000 has been paid.

We have also purchased of the Academy of Music 15 feet of ground immediately adjoining the 75 feet, on the North and also running West 200 feet on a Ground Rent of $27 pr foot, thus giving us a lot 90 feet front on Broad Street by 200 feet deep.

In September last we commenced the erection of the Hall on the lot 75 feet by 200 feet. The plan, specifications &c were furnished by Samuel Sloan Esqr and the general superintendence of the work is under the direction of Benj H. Shedaker and the Building Committee of the Board.

Thus far your Directors have every reason to be satisfied with the progress of the work. Favorable contracts have been made with good and responsible parties for nearly all the work requisite to finish the building and as soon as the season opens it will be prose-

ted to an early completion.
The estimated cost of the building exclusive of the ground is $90.000
There has been subscribed to the stock including contractors, about $60.000. The Treasurer has paid for materials, work, expenses &c about $38.000, leaving about $22.000 still due on same accounts. It will thus be seen that the subscriptions to the stock will just about equal the obligations incurred for materials, work &c up to the present time.
The Directors would particularly impress upon all the stockholders the necessity of procuring more subscriptions to the stock. Although the duty has heretofore devolved entirely upon the Board, yet it is hoped that now the Stockholders generally will manifest an interest in this matter and use all judicious means to increase the subscription list as upon this alone can we depend for a successful completion of our enterprise.
It is proposed by many to dispose of

the able lead of Miss Percival, who took a deep interest in the success of the Hall to hold a Grand Horticultural Bazaar commencing on the 29th day of May next and continuing for two weeks. The Committees for this purpose are now holding meetings at the present Hall, every Tuesday from 11 to 1 o'clock and it is hoped and desired that our members will give them all the aid and comfort in their power.

In conclusion your Board feel that they may now safely congratulate you upon the near realization of the long expressed desire for a suitable building for Horticultural Exhibitions and kindred purposes

By order of the Board
W. L. Schaffer, Pres't
A. W. Harrison. Sec'y.

Which on motion was accepted and ordered to be placed on file and entered on the minutes.

On motion of Mr Harman it was resolved to proceed to an election for ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year The following named Stockholders were

nominated; Wm L. Schaffer, D. Rodney King, J. E. Mitchell, Peter Mackenzie H. A. Deer, C. P. Hayes, Chas Harman James Ritchie, Benj. Bullock and Thos. P. Jones.

The Chairman appointed Thomas Mackenzie Judge and J. A. Needles and Thos. Swan Tellers of the election. When, after the election had been held the Judge reported that there had been 397 shares voted and the following named gentlemen, W. L. Schaffer, D. Rodney King, J. E. Mitchell, Peter Mackenzie, Henry A. Deer Chas. P. Hayes, Chas. Harman, Jas. Ritchie, Benj. Bullock and Thos. P. Jones had each received the full vote cast and were unanimously elected.

No other business before the meeting, on motion adjourned.

Ch P Hayes
Secty.

Special Meeting.

In pursuance of a call, in accordance with the By-Laws, a special meeting of the Stockholders was held at the Hall S. W. corner of Broad & Walnut Streets on Tuesday evening May 7th 1867 at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Chas. P. Hayes was called to the Chair.

The contract with Thomas A. Andrews which had been reported by the Committee to the Board of Directors at their meeting held April 22nd 1867 was presented and read.

On motion of Mr. D. R. King the contract was approved and the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors were authorised to execute it on behalf of the Board of Directors and of the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall.

On motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

Special Meeting

In pursuance of a call ordered by the Board of Directors at their meeting on the 22nd of October 1867, a special meeting of the Stockholders was held at the Horticultural Hall on Thursday evening the 7th of November 1867.

Mr Robert Buist was called to the chair, and A. W. Harrison was appointed Secretary.

The call for the meeting was read. —

The President of the Board then stated that the Directors had, at their meeting held on the 10th of Sept 1867 adopted the following Report and Resolution;

"The President reported that he had addressed a communication to Caleb Cope Esq President of the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society as follows;

Phila Sept. 11–1867

Caleb Cope Esqr. Presit

Dear Sir

I have been requested by the Directors of the Horticultural

Hall to make application to your
institution for a loan of $60.000 to
be secured by mortgage on their prop-
erty on South Broad St. which cost
over $160.000.
The lot is 75 feet front on Broad St.
by 200 feet deep, and is covered entirely
by the Hall. In case you make the
loan we will engage to pay off at
least $3.000 of the amount annually.
Very Truly Yours
W. L. Thayer
Prest
The President further reported that the
Directors of the Savings Fund Society
had agreed to loan the sum of Sixty
Thousand Dollars on mortgage for
one year at six per cent on the terms
named in the application above given.
On motion the report of the President
was accepted and his action in the
matter approved and confirmed."
The President further stated that in
pursuance of the said Resolution the
Board had obtained a loan of Sixty
Thousand Dollars from the Philad'a
Saving Fund Society on the security of
the [illegible] said Hall and now desire

the approval of the stockholders so as to authorise the execution of the necessary papers. Thereupon, on motion of Mr Saml J. Sharpless it was

Resolved that the action of the Board of Directors under their said resolution in borrowing the said sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars from the Philadelphia Saving Fund Society, to pay off the ground rents now against the property and settle the remaining claims of the mechanics and others engaged in the erection of the building be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors be authorised and requested to have prepared and executed under the corporate seal of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society the necessary bond and mortgage of the Hall and ground belonging thereto, to secure the said loan.

On motion adjourned

A. C. Harrison

Secy

Annual Meeting.

The second Annual meeting of the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall was held on Tuesday evening Jan 14th 1867.

Mr George A. Wood was called to the chair, and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following Report was presented

Philadelphia Jan 5-1868

To the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall

The Board of Directors of Horticultural Hall are now called upon to make the second Annual Report to the Stockholders.

The building was sufficiently complete in May 1867 to enable the Ladies to hold their great fair or bazaar in the Hall, which was done with marked success under the able lead of Miss Percival. The net amount realised from this fair was generously presented by the Ladies to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to be invested in the stock of the Hall. This investment

was a timely relief to your Board and they felt under many obligations to Miss Percival and her co-laborers for their very liberal subscription and the graceful manner in which it was made.

By the Treasurer's Report you will perceive that we have paid on all accounts $180.719.30

And we have on hand including $600 deposited in Court 1.650.32

$182.369.62

This amount was made up as follows:

Capital stock	$100.650.00
Mortgage	60.000.00
Floating debt	16.075.30
Net rents of Hall now merged in Construction Acc	5.644.32
	$182.369.62

In addition to the floating debt above stated there are also other debts due amounting to $1371.40 making together $17.446.70 to be provided for within the next four months. It will be necessary to raise about $3000 more in order to have

the outside of the building plastered and for other purposes.
If possible this amount should be obtained by additional subscriptions to the stock. Twenty per cent on their present stock by each holder would make it up. Many of our stockholders would doubtless cheerfully make this subscription and perhaps nearly all would unite in it. If so this would settle the whole matter.
If this cannot be accomplished your Board would recommend that authority be asked from the Legislature to issue one eight per cent preferred stock for the amount or more in case it is needed, said stock to be first offered to the present holders at par, pro-rata and if they decline taking it then to be sold to any one willing to subscribe.
The Hall has been placed in charge of Mr Thomas A. Andrews, as Superintendent who is to receive Thirty per cent of the gross receipts as a compensation for his own services and all other expenses, coal and gas excepted for one year and Twenty five per cent thereafter. He estimates the whole

receipts for the year at $20.000
Deduct 30 pr ct for services &c 6.00
14.000
Add rent of basement 1.500
$15.500

Deduct expenses as follows;
Interest $3.600, Ground Rent 405
Taxes $1.700, Gas &c $1500
Incidentals $795. Total $8.000
$7.500

Annual payment on mortgage
as per agreement when the
money was borrowed 3.000
Leaving a balance of $4.500
If, therefore, we can obtain $20.000
more stock subscribed in order to
pay off the floating debt and
finish the building it would leave
a surplus sufficient to pay a dividend
of three per cent on the whole amount
of stock in addition to the $3.000
paid on mortgage, with a reasonable
prospect of a moderate annual
increase.
In order to accomplish this most
desirable object it would only be
necessary for each stockholder to
take twenty per cent additional stock.

The Board now resign their trust into your hands with the earnest wish that you will all aid the incoming Directors in any efforts they may make to free your property from floating debt.

By order of the Board.

Wm. L. Schaffer President

On motion the Report was accepted and adopted.

Treasurer's Report ending January 11th 1868 of Receipts and Expenditures of Horticultural Hall Co.

Liabilities.

Capital Stock	$100.650.00	
Mortgage Loan	60.000.00	
Floating Debt	16.075.30	
Profit & Loss (Rents	5.644.32	$182.369.62

Assets.—

Real Estate - Cost of ground	38.073.49	
" " building	131.820.74	
Movable Effects	7.472.83	
Contingents	3.952.24	
Cash on hand	1.050.32	$182.369.62

Bills due not included in Floating Debt.

To be paid in Stock,

Morris Tucker & Co	1.355.73	
J. E. Mitchell	231.75	1.587.48

To be paid in Cash

Insurance		$459.00	
Ground Rent	408.00		
less	200.00	208.00	
W. W. Weaver about		400.00	
McCallum Crease & Co		44.78	
H. Wilson painter abt		100.00	
H. Drinkhouse		7.24	
Mr Duncan		152.38	$1.371.40

Included in Floating Debt

To be paid in Cash

J. M. Buist	$514.30	
J. E. Mitchell	189.25	$703.55
		3.662.43
Deduct Floating debt & stock		2.291.03
To be provided for		$1.371.40

Trial Balance Jan. 11th 1868

	$	¢		$	¢
Capital Stock	98.050	00	Real Estate	38.073	49
Mortgage a/c	60.000	00	Building Acct	130.020	74
[illegible]	14.508	49	W. H & T. Wilson	1.350	00
J. M. Buist	514	30	Loan a/c	10	75
Horticultural Soc	3.073	26	Furniture a/c	7.472	83
Rent Account	5.644	32	Expense a/c	2.347	61
			Interest Acct	1.014	63
			Cash	1.050	32
	181.790	37		181.790	37
	4			181 34	

Statement.

Receipts.

Cash, for 1967 Shares of stock issued to date @ $50	$98.350
" " 52 " " " not issued	2.600
	100.950
Less am't due for stock subscribed	.300
	$100.650
Cash for Mortgage on property	60.000
" borrowed of Penn^a Hort^l Society	473.26
" for Rents of Hall to date (net am't)	5.644.32
Floating Debt, Bills Payable &c	15.602.04
	$182.369.62

Payments.

Original purchase of Lot including liquidation of ground rent, arrears of Interest, conveyance &c	38.073.49
Paid on account of Building	131.820.74
" " " of Furniture for Hall	7.472.83
" Taxes of 1867	1.345.34
" Expenses, Insurance, Printing, Stamps, Commission on Mortgage Loan &c	1.002.27
" Interest on temporary loans	1.014.63
Cash on hand	1.050.32
Deposited in Court on a/c judgement v. [illegible]	600.00
	$182.369.62

To the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall

I herewith present my Annual Report as Treasurer

Phila Jan 14: 1868

Henry A. Dreer
Treas^r H. H.

On motion the Report of the Treasurer was adopted.

Election of Directors

On motion Mr Thomas S. Humphreys was appointed Judge of the election. After the ballot was taken the Judge reported the following gentlemen elected as Directors for the current year;

W. L. Schaffer	H. A. Dreer
D. R. King	Jas. Ritchie
J. E. Mitchell	Thos. P. James
Chas. Harmar	Chas. P. Hayes
Robert Cornelius	Stephen Morris

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy

Special Meeting.

In pursuance of a call in accordance with the By Laws, a special meeting of the stockholders was held at the Hall on Wednesday evening April 22nd at 7 o'clock.

Mr W. L. Schaffer was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The call of the meeting was read.

The supplement to the Charter of the

Pennsylvania Horticultural Society providing for the issue of an eight per cent preferred stock was then read. (See Minutes of Board of Directors of the meeting March 17th 1868.) and on motion of Mr Faulkner it was referred to the Board of Directors, with instructions to take legal advice as to the legality of the action of the stockholders thereon, and to report at an adjourned meeting, to be held on Thursday evening April 30th 1868 at 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr Faulkner a call of the stock was made and 354 shares were found to be represented at the meeting

A Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Hall, from the Board of Directors was then read as follows;

Assets.

Real Estate - Cost of ground		38.174.49
Cost of building including amounts paid and bills due		139.317.44
Furniture in Hall &c		7.506.83
Cash on hand		2.646.45
		187.645.21

Liabilities.

Capital Stock		99.400.00
Mortgage Loan		60.000.00
Floating Debt		21.245.83
Profit & Loss - receipts		
to date	12.191.70	
Less Commissions, Gas	3.157.38	
Incidental expenses	1.534.94	
	5.192.32	6.999.38

April 15-1868.

The following paper was then read, & ordered by the Board of Directors.

Horticultural Hall

Phila April 22-1868

To the Stockholders of
Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen

Owing to the heavy advance in the cost of building this Hall over the highest estimates we could obtain, we found ourselves short about Thirty Thousand Dollars a part of which is in the shape of notes which we have been compelled to renew at the current rate of money. This involves a considerable outlay in the shape of a high rate of interest, and no little trouble to negotiate.

We have therefore obtained authority from our Legislature to issue $30.000 in preferred stock on which 8% per annum must be paid before paying any dividend on the common stock. We now offer you this preferred stock in the proportion of 30 per cent of the amount of common stock held by each of you. If you take this proposition we will be enabled to pay off all our indebtedness and leave a margin of Five to Six Thousand dollars to complete and finish the building which will then have cost about $200.000 subject only to a mortgage debt of $40.000

After a careful examination of the receipts and expenditures for the past nine months we are fully satisfied that without any increase in the rental of the Hall we will have sufficient surplus to pay the interest on the preferred stock.

In common with all new enterprises your Board have had many difficulties to encounter and much prejudice to overcome in renting the Hall, so that all the engagements which were made been fairly carried out the receipts would have

been much larger, with but little increase in the expenses.

We may therefore confidently expect that as these prejudices disappear and the people become familiar with the convenience and beauty of this spacious Hall, it will be more appreciated and more largely patronized by the public to whose convenience and your Board have devoted their best energies and much valuable time without any expectation of pecuniary benefit to themselves."

On motion adjourned to meet on Thursday April 30th at 7½ P. M.

A. W. Harrison
Sec'y.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Stockholders met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday evening April 30th 1868 at 7½ o'clock.

Mr W. L. Schaffer in the chair.

The Chairman reported that he had consulted counsel who had advised him that it would be necessary, in order to secure the acceptance of the supplement to the charter, to obtain the consent

thereto of a majority, in value of the stockholders, either in person or by proxy.

On motion adjourned to meet on Thursday May 14th at 8 o'clock P. M.

A. V. Harrison
Sec'y.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Stockholders met on Thursday evening May 14th 1868, at 8 o'clock P. M. Mr W. L. Schaffer in the Chair.

On motion of Mr C. Hamar the meeting proceeded to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the Supplement to the Charter of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, passed March 18th 1868. The following stockholders either in person or by proxy voted affirmatively upon its acceptance;

Charles Hamar	holding	20 shares
J. C. Nicholls	"	30 "
T. A. Andrews	"	10 "
T. Dinkhouse	"	8 "
W. L. Schaffer	"	20 "
Thos. Thompson	"	10 "
D. D. Cummins	"	4 "
Wm Adamson	"	5

Morris Tasker & Co holding 37 shares
On motion adjourned to Thursday
21st inst.

A.W. Harrison Secy.

Adjourned Meeting.
The Stockholders Meeting was held
on Thursday evening May 21st.
There being no quorum adjourned to
Wednesday June 3rd 1868 at 7½ P.M.

A.W. Harrison
Secy.

Adjourned Meeting.
The Stockholders met on Wednesday
June 3rd at 7½ o'clock and adjourned
to Tuesday evening June 16th 1868

A.W. Harrison
Secy.

The Stockholders met on Tuesday
evening June 16-1868 at 7½ o'clock
The following stockholders, either in
person or by proxy voted to accept
the supplement to the Charter.—

Geo. W. Earl	8 Shares
J. W. Evans	10 "
Morris Tasker & Co	37 "

Pennsylvania Horticultural
Society - by W. L. Schaffer Pres't
On motion adjourned to 17th Inst
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

The Stockholders met on Tuesday evening June 17 - 1868 at 8 P. M.
Mr J. Ritchie in the Chair.
On motion adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening July 14th at 7½ P.M.
A. W. Harrison Sec'y.

No Stockholders were present and no meeting was held on Tuesday evening July 14th 1868.

Annual Meeting.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Stockholders was held on Tuesday evening January 12th 1869.
Mr Samuel Welsh was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.
The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and of the Special Meetings were read and approved.
The following paper was then read by Mr W. L. Schaffer, President.

The Directors of Horticultural Hall now submit the Annual Report to the Stockholders.

It cannot be disguised that the success of the Hall has not been as great as we had every reason to hope, from its great beauty and adaptability for public purposes. This, we think, is owing, in a great measure, to the prejudice of the public in favor of the old and long established places of resort of a like character. Time alone will cure this and we think, we have every reason to hope for a more prosperous future.

The financial working of the Hall for the past year has been as follows;

Receipts.

Rents from Hall, less Superintendents Share	$8.305.56
Rent of basement	1.450.00
	$9.755.56

Ordinary Expenses

Superintendents Salary, bills	114.81
Gas Bills	1033.27
Coal bills	684.60
United States	100.00
Water Rent	128.00
Insurance	909.00
Over	$2,969.73

Receipts Bot over $9.755.56

Expenses Bot over 2.969.73

Interest on mortgage one year 3.600.00

Ground Rent 405.00

Taxes for 1868 unpaid } 1.680.00 8.654.73

Leaving a balance of about $1.100.00 which was all absorbed by sundry permanent improvements.

Estimate for the Current Year.

Engagements made		$6.700.00
Estimated for balance of year		5.700.00
		12.400.00
25% off for Superintendent		3.100.00
		9.300.00
Rent of basement		1.800.
		$11.100
Estimated expenses		9.100
Balance		$2.000

The Treasurer reports a floating debt of about $19.000 incurred mainly by "permanent improvements".

Your Board submit again the Act of Assembly authorizing the creation of an eight per cent preferred stock and earnestly request some early action on the subject

Respectfully submitted

Jan 12th 1869 Wm L. Schaffer Pres't

The Supplement to the charter of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, authorising the issue of preferred stock, was then read.

It was thereupon, Resolved that this meeting approves of the proposition offered this evening to raise $30.000 of preferred stock and recommend that the incoming Directors continue their efforts already made to accomplish this highly desirable object.

A power of attorney and proxy for this purpose was read and numerously signed.

Election of Directors.

Mr Isaac S. Waterman was appointed Judge, and Messrs Henry Bower and E. H. Faulkner, Tellers, who announced the following persons duly elected to serve as Directors for the current year.

W. L. Schaffer	Robert Cornelius
H. A. Dreer	James Ritchie
D. R. King	Chas. Harmar
J. E. Mitchell	Chas. P. Hayes
Thos P. James	Stephen Morris

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

Special Meeting.

In pursuance of a call made in accordance with the By Laws a special meeting of the Stockholders was held on Friday evening June 4th 1869.

The President in the chair.

The call of the meeting was read.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the obtaining the consent of the stockholders to the issue of a preferred stock. Also to provide for the payment of the interest on the mortgage now overdue and unpaid; there being only about $300. in the Treasury.

Proxies for voting on the issue of preferred were presented and several signatures were obtained.—

No other business was presented and on motion adjourned.

A. W. Harrison
Secy.

Annual Meeting.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 11th 1870.

Mr Edwin Satterthwait was called to the chair and A. G. Harrison was appointed Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Annual and Special Meetings were read and approved.

The following paper was then read by Mr P. L. Scan President.

The Directors of the Horticultural Hall beg leave to submit the following statement to the Stockholders, showing the financial working of the Hall for the last year.

Receipts.

Balance on hand Jan 5-1869	$1.432.67
Rec'd for Rents, from all sources	9.206.03
" " borrowed money	1.151.20
" " 3 Shares stock	150.00
Total	12.439.90

Expenditures

Paid for taxes 1868 = 1.872.60	
" " " 1869 - 2.039.42	3.912.02
" Interest on mortgage 1 year	3.600.0
Over	7.512.02

Over		$7.512.02
Paid Interest on ground rent	1 year	405.00
" Water Rent	"	128.00
" U. S. Revenue tax		100.24
" for City license		11.55
" on act of building		1.277.36
" for Gas Bills		1.411.22
" " Coal Bills		300.00
" " Janitor expenses		405.18
" Borrowed money		405.00
Cost		11.956.77
Balance on hand		489.13
		12.439.90

From the foregoing statement it appears that on hand on 2nd Jan last than in 1868 about 1.000.00

and that we have borrowed during the year 1.651.20

making 2.651.20

and that we have paid the following sums which did not strictly belong to the year

Taxes 1868	1.872.60
Borrowed money	400.00
Sundry bills	1.277.36
making	3.550.16

Showing a difference of about Nine Hundred Dollars in favor of the Hall.

We owe about $13.000 borrowed money and about $1.000 for wages & improvements.

Our efficient Superintendent Mr Andrews is very hopeful as to our future prospects, the last year having been an unusually dull in all public amusements and not a fair test year.

The Directors respectfully call the attention of the Stockholders again to the subject of the preferred stock and trust that they will take measures to have it subscribed for so that the debt may be paid and the building finished.

Philada Jan 11th 1870

W. L. Grange

President.

Mr Mitchell moved that the Secretary be requested to call a special meeting of the Stockholders on Thursday the 27th Inst. at 8 P. M. for the purpose of considering the issue of preferred stock, which motion was adopted.

On motion Messrs Hayes & Dreer were appointed a Committee to procure sufficient proxies to effect the object,

the proxies to be presented at said meeting.

Election of Directors

The Chair appointed Mr Chas. P. Hayes Judge and Messrs Thos. Evans and Thos. A. Andrews Tellers, who reported the following gentlemen duly elected Directors to serve for the current year.

Wm L. Schaffer	J. E. Mitchell
H. A. Dreer	Jas. Ritchie
Chas. P. Hayes	Thomas Evans
E. Satterthwait	Robert Cornelius
Stephen Morris	Thos. Sparks

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Secy.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the Stockholders was held, in accordance with the By Laws on Thursday evening January 27th 1870.

The President in the Chair.

The call of the meeting was read.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be the obtaining the consent of the Stockholders to the issue of preferred stock to the amount of $30.000

The following Preamble and Resolution were offered;

Whereas, It was deemed advisable in order to pay off the floating indebtedness on the Horticultural Hall and to finish the same so, procure the passage of an act supplementary to the Charter, authorizing the issue of an Eight per cent preferred stock to the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars, which act was approved on the Eighteenth day of March, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty Eight, therefore

Resolved That the Directors of said Hall be and they are hereby empowered and directed to issue Six Hundred Shares of an Eight per cent preferred stock as provided in said Act.

The Preamble and Resolution were unanimously adopted by the following affirmative votes;

	Shares		Shares
Thos. Thompson	10	Forward	106
D. B. Cummins	4	Thomas Evans	10
W. S. Adamson	5	Robert Scott	11
Morris Tasker & Co	37	Thos. A. Andrews	8
J. E. Mitchell	25	F. A. Drexel	5
Thos. P. James	15	Marvin & Co	5
Henry A. Drew	10	J. Foulds	1
Forward	106	Forward	146

	Shares
Forward	146
H. B. Blanchard	10
A. L. Vanzant	5
Julius Lee	5
D. Landreth & Son	20
E. C. Markley	10
Lewis Cooper	10
R. H. Gratz	10
E. Greble	5
M. L. Dawson	10
Edw'd Shippen	5
C. H. Rogers	10
D. Rodney King	10
Chas. Harman	20
Stevenson & Maris	4
W. J. Horstman	5
Ogelsby & Hodge	4
Field & Hardie	5
Sam'l. Welsh	10
R. Buist	10
W. P. Cresson	10
Faulkner & Hooper	10
Wm Massey	5
S. A. Harrison	5
Howell & Son	5
Addison Hutton Jr	16
Wm Ballantine	2
Forward	367

	Shares
Forward	367
Wm Hart Carr	1
Henry Bowers	2
Wm A. Rolin	20
Edw'd Maule	5
A. B. Cooley	5
Thos. Mackenzie	10
Wm P. Gustine	19
Sam'l. Drinkhouse	8
Israel Maule	5
Robert Cornelius	54
J. F. Baker	53
M. Magee	10
Rich'd Wright	5
Geo. W. Earl	6
Sam'l Hart. Society	236
E. Satterthwait	10
Wm F. Dreer	2
A. L. Felton	2
Sam'l W. Noble	5
Misses, Merrill & Thackara	15
Wm T. Elbert	100
Thos. Sparks	20
Jas. Ritchie	15
J. S. Waterman	10
W. L. Schaffe	25
C. P. Hayes	15
Total	1020

being a majority of the stock of said Hall, which amounts in all to 2.014 shares.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison

Sec'y.

Annual Meeting.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Stockholders was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 10th. 1871.

Mr Robert Buist was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual and Special Meetings were read and approved.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented as follows;

William Hacker Treasurer

In account with Horticultural Hall Society

Receipts

1870 Jan 1st	Balance from H. A. Dreer late Treasurer	$27.37
	From T. A. Andrews for rents of Hall during the year, less his commissions	1.763.66
	Rent of Restaurant	1.200.00

Horticultural Society loan	1.200.
" " "	800.
W. L. Schaffer "	1.836.
	$12.527.03

Payments.

On Building a/c for repairs & painting	1.830.19
" Tax a/c	2.090.
" a/c of loans	1.936.
" Bills for Gas & Coal	1.778.12
" Interest a/c (Ground Rent and Mortgage)	4.013.57
" Expense a/c being for insurance, license &c	523.56
Balance	355.59
	12.527.03

1871
Jan 10th Balance as above, due Society 355.59
I have this day paid ground rent due to Academy of Music July 1 '70 202.50
Jan 1 '71 202.50 $405.00

E & O. E.

Wm Hacker Treasurer

Phila Jan 10th 1871. The following a/cs stand against the Hall. A. Garber & Son for coal $668.50
Insurance note to Boswell & Co 450.00
Field & Hardie Hardware 294.58
G. Krouse plumbing 75.

On motion the Report of the Treasurer was accepted.

The Report of the Superintendent was received as follows;

Net Receipts from engagements of Horticultural Hall.

Restaurant		$1.200.
Church	1 year	325.
Fairs	5	2.400.
Balls	10	1.871.65
Lectures	8	348.75
Meetings	7	313.13
Convention	1	225.00
Concerts	3	168.75
Festivals	4	141.25
Anniversaries	2	112.50
Exhibition	1	52.50
May Party	1	45.00
Rehearsal	1	18.75
Weddings; foyer 10 to 12 Am.		3.75
		$7.491.03

Thomas A. Andrews
Superintendent

Jan 10th 1871

On motion,

Adopted

The President Mr Schaffer then made a general verbal statement of the

affairs of the Hall for the past year, showing that the average business has been about the same as for the preceding year.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of Directors for the current year and the following persons were nominated;

W. L. Schaffe
Jas. Ritchie
E. Satterthwaite
C. P. Hayes
Wm. Hacker
J. E. Mitchell
H. A. Dreer
Thos. Evans
Robert. Cornelius
Stephen Flanagan

The Chair appointed Mr Thomas Andrews as Judge and Messrs Hayes and Evans Tellers who announced the above named persons duly elected as Directors.

On Motion adjourned

H. W. Harrison Sec'y

Annual Meeting.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 9th 1872

[illegible] appointed Secretary.

The Report of the Treasurer was presented and read as follows:

Philadelphia Jan 9-1872

To the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall Association.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the report of his receipts and disbursements during the past year

For the several sources of Rent, Income included in his aggregate he refers to the Report of the Supt. herewith also annexed and submitted as a portion of his report.

Of the payments the item of Interest is for the ground rent as held by the Academy of Music and interest on mortgage of the "Philadelphia Saving Fund".

The Building a/c comprises some old debts on the building paid off and for permanent improvements. The Expenses a/c is charged the many items of Taxes, Gas, Insurance (part yearly) Coal & General Repairs.

The largest pressing debts are Taxes of 1871. overdue and a bill of Carpenter and Fresco work & other little bills probably amounting to $3500 to $4.000 There are also the Temporary loans to the association which have not been reduced during the year.

Respectfully Submitted
William Hacker
Treas.

William Hacker Treasurer
In account with
"Horticultural Hall Association"

Receipts.

1871 Jan 1	Balance per report	355.59	
	From Rent of Hall, nett	9.142.48	
	Total Receipts		9.498.07

Payments.

	For Interest & Ground rent	$4410.	
	" Building a/c	1094.48	
	" Expense a/c	2783.21	8.287.69
Jan 9 1872.	Cash on hand Balance		$1.210.38

E & O. E.

William Hacker
Treas.

Philadelphia
Jan 9 - 1872

Philadelphia Jan 1-1872

To the President & Directors
of the Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen,

The following is the number and amount received for engagements of the Hall from Jan 1/71 to Dec 31/71 inclusive;

	$	¢
11 Concerts	800.00	
2 Festivals	110.00	
7 Meetings	432.50	
1 Convention	1000.00	
21 Balls	5487.00	
5 Lectures	410.00	
1 and part of another Fair	1453.33	
1 Reading (on act)	25.00	
4 Exhibitions	235.00	
1 Supper	305.00	
1 Wedding & Ball	130.00	
1 Forfeit of "	25.00	
Church	750.00	
Gross	$11.162.83	
Commission	2.790.70	
Net	$8.372.13	

Thos. A. Andrews
Superintendent
of Hort. Hall

The following persons were nominated for Directors of the Horticultural Hall for the current year;

Wm L. Schaffer	E. Satterthwait
J. E. Mitchell	W. Hacker
Jas. Ritchie	S. J. Sharpless
Henry A. Dreer	J. S. Houghton
Chas. P. Hayes	Richard Wright

The chair appointed Messrs Evans and Harrison tellers who announced the above nominees all duly elected.

On motion adjourned

A. W. Harrison Secy.

Annual Meeting.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Stockholders was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 14th 1873.

Mr. W. L. Schaffer was called to the Chair and S. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and read, as follows;

Philada Jan 10th 1873

William Hacker Treasurer

In account with Horticultural Hall Ass'n.

1872

Jan 9th

Receipts.

Balance at last report	$1.410.38
Rents net during the year	7.016.36
Loan borrowed for payments	2.254.00
From subscription to bonds	650.00 $20.330.74

Payments.

By Building account	10.069.56
" Taxes (1871) Gas, Water Rents	4.758.37
" Expense A/c, sundries	56.78
" Interest a/c on mortgage	3.654.00
" A/c of loan returned	1.800.00 = 20.332.71
Balance due Treasurer	$1.97

E. & O. E.

William Hacker

Treasurer.

There is also due as follows;

Per a/c rendered for Improvement a/c	$16.573.95
To Interest on G. rent Jan 1st 1 year	405.00
" Taxes 1872 & penalty about	2.300.00
" Old Loans upon the book & interest	20.108.09
	$39.389.04

Against which is

Subscriptions to Bonds not collected of $9.850

W. L. Schaffer Esqr

Pres't Horticultural Hall Association

Dear Sir

Your Treasurer begs leave to hand the inclosed statement of his receipts and disbursements on a/c of the Association for the past year and request that some action be taken by the stockholders to enable him to meet the indebtedness most of which the payments are urgently pressed.

In addition to the amount now subscribed, if these can be collected, a provision for $10.000 more will probably enable us to meet the pressing demands.

Very Respectfully submitted

William Hacker

Treasurer

Philadelphia

Jan 10th 1873

On motion accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Superintendent.
Philadelphia Jan 1-1873

To the President and Directors
of Horticultural Hall
Gentlemen,

The following is the report of business done during the year ending Dec 13/72.

Church Meeting in Foyer	$700.00
10 Concert	775.00
16 Lectures	1.185.00
21 Meetings	401.50
3 Matinees	65.00
1 Reading	50.00
1 Fair	625.00
14 Balls	3.874.10
1 May Party	50.00
4 Conventions	1.110.00
2 School Rehearsals	60.00
Gross	$8.895.60
1/4	2.225.90
Net	$6.671.70

Since the alterations of the Building it has given almost universal satisfaction and the probability is that the business will steadily increase.

The Lecture or Dining Hall has been rented up to Jan 7th. 7 times yielding

$2.75 being the interest of $4.583.33
besides it being a great acquisition to the
Main Line.

Respectfully
Thos. S. Andrews
Supt

The following are the net receipts of the
Hall

from June 18 to Dec 31-1867	$6.233.97
1868	7.961.65
1869	7.461.84
1870	6.668.44
1871	8.372.13
1872	6.641.70
	43.520.53

Respectfully
Thos. S. Andrews
Supt

On motion accepted and referred to
Finance Committee.

Mr Kinney Evans offered the following;
Resolved, that in consideration of the
subscription by the Pennsylvania Horti-
cultural Society to the common stock
of the Horticultural Hall for the amount
of money herein named $2.561.20, and
keeping the said Society Hall in
order to use the Hall without further
charge for its Library, Exhibitions, Meetings

and the general business of the Society.
The resolution was unanimously adopted.
Mr J. E. Mitchell offered the following;
which was unanimously adopted.
Resolved that the Board of Directors
are hereby authorised and instructed to
apply to the Legislature for the passage
of an act authorising the issue of
bonds in accordance with the draft
herewith submitted.
An Act authorising the issue of bonds
of the Pennsylvania Horticultural
Society and the securing by mortgage
and disposal of the same.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate
and House of Representatives of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in
General Assembly met and it is hereby
enacted by authority of the same:
That it shall be lawful for the Board
of officers of the Pennsylvania Horti-
cultural Society known as the Directors
of the Horticultural Hall to issue bonds
of the said Horticultural Society to
such amount, not exceeding Sixty
Thousand Dollars as they may deem
advisable bearing interest not exceeding
the rate of eight per cent per annum

with or without provision for the pay-
ment of taxes on the said bonds, and to
secure the same or any part thereof by
mortgaging the real estate of the said
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society;
and it shall also be lawful for the said
Directors to dispose of the said bonds
at such price and in such ways or
manner as they may deem best;
Provided that this act shall be first
accepted by the Pennsylvania Horticul-
tural Society and by the holders of the
stock or scrip issued by the said Society
by a vote of the majority of such mem-
bers and scrip or stock holders of the said
Society as shall be assembled at a meeting
to be called by the President of the said
Society by advertisement published in
two newspapers of the City of Phila-
delphia twice a week for two weeks before
the day appointed for such meeting.

Nominations for Officers

The following persons were nominated to
serve as Directors for the current year;

H. L. Schuyler	J. E. Mitchell
F. A. Dreer	E. C. Hutchinson
Charles P. Hayes	C. H. Dubois
Richard Wright	Henry C. Gibson
James Ritchie	Oliver Landreth

Election of Directors

The Chair appointed Mr Wm Tiller and Mr Thomas Evans, judges, who reported the persons nominated as unanimously elected.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders was held on Saturday evening April 19th 1873 pursuant to a call of the President duly published twice a week for two weeks in the North American and Evening Telegraph newspapers.—

On motion Mr W. L. Schaffer was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.—

The call of the meeting was read.—

The Act of the Legislature authorising the issue of Sixty Thousand Dollars of eight per cent bonds was read and the Chairman announced that the said act had been accepted and approved by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society at its Stated Meeting held on the 15th day of April 1873.

The following preamble and resolution

was read.

Whereas, by an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled an Act authorizing the issue of bonds of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the securing by mortgage and disposal of the same approved the Twenty fourth day of February Anno Domini 1873 it was enacted as follows; That it shall be lawful for the board of officers of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society known as the Directors of the Horticultural Hall to issue bonds of the said Horticultural Society to such amount, not exceeding Sixty thousand dollars, as they may deem advisable bearing interest not exceeding the rate of eight per centum per annum with or without provision for the payment of taxes on the said bonds and to secure the same or any part thereof by mortgaging the real estate of the said Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and it shall also be lawful for the said Directors to dispose of the said bonds at such price and in such way or manner as they may deem best. Provided that this Act shall be first accepted by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and also by the holders of the Horticultural Hall

Stock issued by said Society, and further provided that the acceptance by the Horticultural Society may be at any regular Stated Meeting, and the acceptance by the Stockholders shall be expressed by a vote to be taken at a Special meeting of said Stockholders called by the President by advertisement published in two newspapers in the City of Philadelphia twice a week for two weeks before the day of holding said Special Meeting. Provided also that the amount of Bonds issued under this Act and the Act approved May twenty-one Thousand eight hundred and seventy one shall not exceed Sixty Thousand dollars and that no bond shall be issued of a less denomination than one hundred dollars.

It is Resolved that the Stockholders of Horticultural Hall do hereby accept of the above mentioned Act of Assembly.

The Chairman appointed Messrs C. P. Hayes and Richard Wright tellers who reported 467 shares of stock voted in the affirmative. The Chairman thereupon announced the resolution as unanimously adopted

On motion adjourned

P. C. Harrison Secy.

A Special Meeting of the Stockholders was held on Tuesday evening Sept 2d 1873 pursuant to a call by the President.

Mr Schaffer was called to the chair and A. H. Harrison appointed Secretary.

Mr J. E. Mitchell made a verbal statement of the present condition of the project and the necessity of concerting measures to raise the needful funds for paying off the floating liabilities of the Hall.

The Secretary then read the list of the Stockholders.

On motion the Chairman was requested to appoint a Committee of four to wait upon the Stockholders and solicit contributions to the funds of the Hall, with power to add to their number and to print such matter as they may deem advisable.

The Chair appointed Messrs Wright, Satterthwait Rodin and Andrews as such Committee.

The following persons were announced as subscribers to the 8% bonds of the Hall for the respective amounts named.

W. L. Schaffer	$1.000	Jas. Aitchie	1.000
C. Satterthwait	1.000	J. E. Mitchell	500
Jos. Evans	200	A. Hutton	200

S. Drinkhouse $100 E. T. Eisenbey $100
Ed. Browning 100 T. A. Andrews 100

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secy.

Annual Meeting

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 13th 1874.

Mr Stephen S. Price was called to the chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and of the two Special Meetings were read and approved.—

The Report of the Treasurer was then read;

William Hacker Treasurer

In a/c with Horticultural Hall Assoc

1874	To Cash received sundry a/c	$31.062.12
Jan 1	By " payments	31.009.86
	Balance due Assocn	$52.26

The receipts have been as follows;

From Subscriptions to Bonds	16.050.
" Rents net	11.520.50
" Loans	3.487.76
" Interest	3.86
	$31.062.12

and payments;

For Rent a/c divided as follows:

Taxes 72 & 73	4.506.55	
Gas	1.244.09	
Insurance	855.32	
Coal	708.00	
Sundries, advertising printing receiving fees & cleaning & all	138.46	$7.452.42
Interest a/c		4.820.13
Loan a/c		1.941.76
Building a/c		16.793.58
Balance due Treas't (last pg.)		1.97
		31.009.86

Valuations on books charged

Building a/c	$164.476.21	
Real Estate	38.174.49	
Mortgage	60.000.00	
Ground Rent	6.750.00	$269.400.70

E. & O. E.

William Hacker
Treas.

Philadelphia Jan 1st 1874.

Bond Account

Amount of Bonds subscribed and issued or to be issued	$51.500
Actual Issue	44.700
Paid for & will be issued as called for	3.950
Subscribed but not paid	2.850
	51.500

The above includes $1.000 subscribed by Jos. H. Trotter and upon which $750 has been paid

Total authorised issue	$60.000
Leaving balance on hand	$.500

Of the above about $22.500 were issued to cover floating indebtedness and interest overdue

Statement of debts outstanding of Horticultural Hall Assoc^{n}

Bills for Building & Materials furnished and overdue	$ 600.62
Loans & Bills Payable	2.200.00
Addison Hutton payable in Bonds for plans & superintendence in Building & altering Hall	700.00
Coal Bill estimated	500.00
	$4.300.62

William Hacker
Treasurer

Phila Jan 1.-1874

On motion the Report was referred to the Finance Committee of the incoming Board of Directors.

The Report of the Superintendent of the Hall, was then presented and read as follows.-

Over

Philadelphia Jan 1 1874

To the President & Directors of
Horticultural Hall

Gentlemen,

Annexed is the statement of business for the year ending Dec 31-1873.

Church	$700.00
28 Concerts	1847.00
4 Festivals	170.00
12 Meetings	900.00
7 Commencements	330.00
15 Balls	4314.00
17 Matinees	475.00
42 Lectures	2.145.00
7 Dinners	1.748.50
3 Fairs & Exhibitions	3.486.00
4 Readings	320.00
	16.435.50

Revenue from New Lecture Room for 1873 = $1540.

Number of times Hall was used 223

Respectfully
Thomas A. Andrews
Supt Hort. Hall

On motion the Report was referred to the Finance Committee of the incoming Board of Directors.

The President of the Hall made the following statement of estimated receipts and expenditures for 1874.

Interest on Mortgage & Ground rent	$4.005
do on $52.000 bonds 8%	4.160
Taxes	2.300
Gas	1.200
Coal	.600
Insurance	.700
Sundries	.535
	$13.500

Estimated Receipts, $18.000

Less 1/4.	4.500	13.500

The following Resolution was adopted:
Resolved that the incoming Board be requested to confer with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and request them to fix a limit to the operation of the Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders January 14 - 1873 granting them the use of the Hall and to ask them to fix as a remuneration therefor the actual expense of gas, fuel &c used by them and to waive their right under said Resolution to this extent.
Mr Satterthwaite, reported, in behalf of the committee appointed to procure subscriptions to the Bonds of the Hall that they had

obtained subscriptions to the amount of $12.705 and asked to be discharged.
On motion the Report was accepted, the committee discharged and thanks of the meeting tendered for the satisfactory manner in which they has performed the duty assigned them.

Election of Directors

The Chair appointed Messrs Satterthwait and Hayes Judges of Election, who then proceeded to receive the ballots.
The following gentlemen were named as the candidates of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

Wm. L. Schaffer	Charles P. Hayes
J. E. Mitchell	E. Satterthwait
James Ritchie	Richard Wright
Isaac F. Baker	Casper W. Siebring
Charles W. Trotter	John J. Houghton

Objections being made to the reception of proxies and also to the vote of the Penn. Hort. Society cast by its President on motion the meeting took a recess until Saturday evening Jan 17 – 1874 to hear the report of the judges of election.

A. W. Harrison
Rec. Sec'y.

The Stockholders met, after a recess from Tuesday January 13th 1874. - Saturday January 17th 1874.

Mr Stephen S. Price in the Chair.

Mr. W. F. Dreer, was chosen Secretary.

Fifteen gentlemen were present.

Mr Charles P. Hayes, one of the judges of election made the following report.

Mr President,

Fearing that I have been the cause of requiring you and others to assemble this evening, perhaps to much inconvenience to yourselves I have prepared a statement which I desire to read to you, giving our decision and request that the same may be embraced in the journal of the proceedings of this meeting; it is as follows;

Having been appointed by the chairman of the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Horticultural Hall together with E. Satterthwait Esq. to conduct the election and receive the votes, the polls were duly opened and voting commenced, upon which several votes were offered by Mr Charles and others on certified powers of Attorney or Proxies. Upon their presenting the same one of the stockholders, J. E. Mitchell Esq.

noted a protest to their being received and counted for reason that no authority was granted by Act of Assembly of April 11-1866 under which the Hall Company was organized, delegating the power of any stockholder to authorize their vote to be cast by power of attorney or proxy. Thereupon the Section was referred to and read as follows; Section 5. That the Annual Election of Directors shall take place on the 2nd Tuesday of January in every year at such time and place as shall be designated and the said Directors hold their office for one year; All elections shall be by ballot and each share or scrip shall be entitled to one vote. Notice of election shall be given as provided by the bylaws and if from any cause an election shall ~~be ordered~~ not be held at the appointed time, a new election shall be ordered in conformity to the Bylaws and the then acting Directors shall continue in office until their successors are elected." This being satisfactory evidence to my colleague that voting by proxy was not admissible, he very decidedly and unhesitatingly refused to allow them to be counted; feeling doubts in regard to refusing the proxies without further consideration and particularly so when Mr Sharpless read a letter from E. Spencer

Miller Esq. expressing his opinion that it was legal that stockholders should be allowed to vote by proxy. Respecting the views of a learned attorney I refused to agree with my colleague until further looking into the matter and the lateness of the hour precluding any possibility of our agreeing at that time it was by unanimous consent of all the stockholders present, Resolved, that the meeting should take a recess to assemble again on Saturday evening the 17th January at 8 o'clock P.M. and in the interim that the officers of points to conduct the election, should acquaint themselves as best they could in regard to their right to count the votes offered by proxy. No provision having been made by the meeting for defraying any expensive legal opinion and not feeling at liberty to incur the expense otherwise, and consulting with my colleague and finding him still firm in his opinion as first expressed and after carefully examining the charter and finding no mention made of any power to vote by proxy, and the fact that objection had been made by formal notice to their being received and counted and again referring to that clause in the by laws to which our attention had been called which reads that "a majority of the stock represented

at the meeting each full paid share of stock shall be entitled to one vote," does not authorize the same to be voted by proxy, or if so construed would conflict with, and is not in conformity to the wording of the charter, which we must obey, it being supreme to all by laws. Therefore till further instructed I agree with my colleague to throw out all the votes offered by proxy, and will proceed to count the other votes cast by the stockholders then present.
Mr. Harpless having noted a protest to the counting of the vote offered by the President of the Penn.a Nat.l Society on the stock standing in the name of the Society, the matter has been duly considered and we find at the last stated meeting of the Society he was duly and fully authorised by resolution to cast the vote for a special named board of Directors and also finding the same had been done from year to year since the first organization without opposition or protest, we have therefore concluded to receive and count the said vote believing it to be legal, right and just.
Since writing the foregoing one of the Stockholders has handed me an opinion on the points at issue, received by him from Benj. Harris Brewster Esq. which I will read, as follows;

706 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

To
William L. Schaffer Esq.

I have examined the Statutes, the Charter and the By Laws of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society so as to be able to answer the question submitted to me.

At Common law, in such companies proxies cannot be received at elections. They can only be received when they are authorized by special statutes or by provisions of a charter or by-laws when the charter expressly authorises the by-laws to regulate the manner of voting.

In this case there is no such statute, the charter has no such provisions and there is not even a by-law prescribing it. I am therefore of the opinion that in any election in this Society if proxies are received it will be without authority of law and it would invalidate the election.

I will further add in reply to another question of your letter that, by the act of 1831 it is the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society that is the owner of the fee simple of the lot or lots and building called

"Horticultural Hall" and that the fifth section of the same statute expressly prescribes that, at all elections for Directors each share of stock or scrip shall be entitled to one vote. I construe this to mean that each share of stock, no matter by whom held, whether it be by the Horticultural Society or by individual scrip holders shall be entitled to one vote.

I am with great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Benjamin Harris Brewster
14 January 1874.

This, together with a verbal opinion to the same effect given by James E. Gowen Esq and the following extract from a decision of a case in point furnished by him fully convinces me that in concurring with my colleagues I am acting legally right and proper; it reads as follows:

"Angell and Ames on Corporations - Section 130. In Taylor vs Griswold in the Supreme Court of New Jersey after a full and learned discussion it was held to be a principal of the common law that when an election depended upon the exercise of judgment the right could not be disputed; and that it presupposes a judicative function before any corporate body could make a by law authorizing

members to vote by proxy. The authority of the case of the State v. Tudor may therefore says Kent in his Commentaries be considered as essentially shaken. An alien stockholder, it is very clear, cannot vote by proxy, when by the terms of incorporation the right so to vote is given to each stockholder being a citizen.

Ch. P. Hayes

The Report of the Judges of election was then read as follows;

Horticultural Hall

Jan 17th 1874

We, the undersigned appointed at a meeting of the stockholders of the Horticultural Hall held Jan 13 1874 Judges to conduct the election of said Company hereby certify that the persons named below received the number of votes set opposite their respective names and are duly elected Directors of the aforesaid company for the ensuing year

Wm L. Schaffer	445 votes	Richard Wright	526
J. E. Mitchell	435 "	C. H. Duhring	526
James Ritchie	526 "	Isaac F. Baker	445
C. P. Hayes	445 "	C. W. Trotter	445
E. Satterthwait	445 "	J. S. Houghton	445

Witness our hands & seals this seventeenth day of January A. D. 1874 Ch. P. Hayes (Seal)

Edwin Satterthwait (Seal)

notion adjourned – William F. Dreer Secy. pro tem

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting was held at Horticultural Hall on Tuesday evening January 14th 1873.

W. L. Schaffer Esq. was called to the Chair and A. W. Harrison appointed Secretary.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following Report was presented;

The Directors have the pleasure of submitting their Annual Report of the working of the Horticultural Hall for the year ending this day.

You will perceive by the Report of the Treasurer that the Hall has been self sustaining the last year with the exception of about $300. paying interest on the bonds, mortgage, ground rent and all necessary expenses. Although there has been a further issue of bonds amounting to $3.000 yet these were given in settlement of bills for alterations and work done on the Hall previous to this year.

The Report of the Superintendent submitted herewith, exhibits the number of times and the purposes for which the Hall has been rented.

From present indications your Board believe that the ensuing year will be still more

prosperous than the last and that we shall soon be able to commence making moderate payments on account of the principal of the $60.000 mortgage to the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society as we are pledged to do out of the first surplus receipts.

Respectfully Submitted

Jan 12/75 W. L. Schaffer Prest

On motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

Philadelphia Jan 12 1875

To the Stockholders
of Horticultural Hall

Your Treasurer respectfully presents his Account Current for the past year ending this day.

Receipts

1874 Jan 1.	Balance		$52.26
1875 Jan 12.	Cash from Rents of Hall		13.942.80
	" " Bonds sold		4.305.00
	" " Loans		2.120.00
	" " Interest		7.26
			$20.427.32

Payments

1875 Jan 12.	Rent &c,	Taxes	$2.244.00
	"	Gas	1.022.33
	"	Coal	352.
	"	Insurance	666.50
	"	[illegible]	1.022.66

Interest a/c	8.478.19	
Building a/c	1.920.45	
Loans repaid	3.620.00	
Expense a/c	448.57	
Bond purchased	405.00	
Balance	247.60	$20.427.32
Balance - Bills Receivable	$237.75	
Cash	9.85	$247.60

A.C. Harrison
Treasurer

On motion the Report was accepted and referred to the Finance Committee to examine and append their certificate if found correct.

On motion of Mr Shipley the Treasurer was instructed to close his account hereafter on the 31st of December of each year.

Report of the Superintendent.

To the President and Directors of Horticultural Hall

Philadelphia Jan 1st 1875

Gentlemen

The following is the report of engagements of Horticultural Hall for the year ending Dec 31st 1874.

52 days Church	$700.00
33 days Fairs	3.897.00
35 Concerts	2.807.50

17 Balls	$5.060.00
30 Meetings	2.622.50
7 Festivals	1.252.00
12 Lectures	.844.50
4 Commencements	.210.00
2 Readings	.200.00
4 Anniversaries	.330.00
1 Dramatic	.100.00
197 Times used	$18.023.50

Respectfully Submitted
Thos. A. Andrews
Superintendent
Hortl. Hall

On motion accepted.
A recess of 10 minutes was ordered, to go into an election for Directors.
The President appointed Messrs Keehmle and Earl, judges of election who then proceeded to receive the ballots.
The following gentlemen were named as the candidates of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; W. L. Schaffer, J. E. Mitchell, Jas. Ritchie, E. Satterthwait C. P. Hayes, Richard Wright, Isaac F. Baker, Casper H. Dobring, C. W. Trotter, J. L. Houghton all of whom the judges announced to be duly elected.

On motion adjourned
A. W. Harrison
Secretary.

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Dec 14-1875.